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#03-03-00458-CV AG Case #99-1227646

Franchise Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 10/18/99

Period: 1993-1996 Plaintiff's Counsel: Jan Soifer Amount: \$407,212.91 Susan Kidwell

\$107,861.97 Locke, Liddell & Sapp

Austin

Issue: Whether income earned on Plaintiff's trust accounts for prepaid funeral services gives rise to Texas gross receipts.

Status: Motion for Summary Judgment held 04/10/03; granted in favor of the State 06/24/03. Plaintiff's Notice of Appeal filed 07/31/03. Appellants' brief filed 09/18/03. Appellees' brief filed 10/24/03. Appellants' reply brief filed 11/12/03. Oral Argument completed 01/07/04. Appellees' post-submission brief filed 01/22/04. Appellants' reply brief filed 02/06/04.

CTX Mortgage Co., LLC, as Successor in Interest to CTX Mortgage Co., Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300145

AG Case #031738131

Franchise Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling Filed: 01/15/03 Robert Lochridge

Period: 1992-1994 Jones Day Amount: \$6,482.90 Dallas

Issue: Whether application of the requirement of documentation that officers do not participate in significant policy-making aspects of the corporation is retroactive and unconstitutional. Whether different treatment of banks and mortgage companies violates equal protection. Whether Plaintiff's vice presidents and others should not be included in the officer add-back provision of the franchise tax. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Centex Materials, L.P., As Successor in Interest to Centex Materials, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301277

AG Case #031787146

Franchise Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling Filed: 04/22/03 Robert Lochridge

Period: 1997-2000 Jones Day Amount: \$96,248.92 Dallas

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's add-back of compensation to certain officers and directors included persons who lacked significant policy-making authority and was unconstitutional. Whether the Comptroller improperly applied changes in Rule 3.558 to earlier periods. Whether the officer add-back is arbitrary and discriminatory. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Centex Construction Co., Inc., as Successor in Interest to Centex Bateson Construction Co., Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301292

AG Case #031787153

Franchise Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling Filed: 04/23/03 Robert Lochridge

Period: 1992-1995 Jones Day Amount: \$191,167.76 Dallas

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's add-back of compensation to certain officers and directors included persons who lacked significant policy-making authority and was unconstitutional. Whether the Comptroller improperly applied changes in Rule 3.558 to earlier periods. Whether the officer add-back is arbitrary and discriminatory. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Centex Construction Co., Inc., as Successor in Interest to Centex Bateson Construction Co., Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301293

AG Case #031787161

Franchise Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling Filed: 04/23/03 Robert Lochridge

Period: 1996 Jones Day Amount: \$48,729.67 Dallas

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's add-back of compensation to certain officers and directors included persons who lacked significant policy-making authority and was unconstitutional. Whether the Comptroller improperly applied changes in Rule 3.558 to earlier periods. Whether the officer add-back is arbitrary and discriminatory. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Central Telephone Co. of Texas and United Telephone Co. of Texas v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100332

AG Case #011409646

Franchise Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Refund

Filed: 02/01/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 1988-1994 Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass &

\$204,616.25 McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether inclusion of access charges in Texas' gross receipts violates Comptroller rules on franchise tax treatment of interstate telephone receipts. Whether inclusion of the charges violates equal protection.

Dillard Department Stores, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300878

AG Case #031770621

Franchise Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 03/19/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Cynthia M. Ohlenforst

Period: 1992-1995 Tracy D. Eaton

Amount: \$1,646,637 Dallas

Issue: Whether the franchise tax requirement to add back officer and director compensation to the tax base is an unconstitutional tax on the income of natural persons. Whether the shareholder limit for the add-back is arbitrary, unreasonable and discriminatory. Whether the provision also discriminates unconstitutionally between banks and other corporations and should be limited to officers with significant authority.

Status: Answer filed.

El Paso Corp. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN304213

AG Case #031879356

Franchise Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Refund

Filed: 10/28/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

Period: 1999 - 2001 Ray Langenberg
Amount: \$2,278,308.75 Scott, Douglass &
McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether severance pay and merger expenses were improperly included in Plaintiff's apportionment factor. Whether other income was improperly sourced or included. Whether certain deductions were erroneously disallowed. Plaintiff also seeks waiver of all penalty and interest.

Status: Answer filed.

El Paso Natural Gas Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301003

AG Case #031778939

Franchise Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 03/28/03

Period: 1989-1991 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Amount: \$3,000,000 Ray Langenberg

Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff may use the successful efforts method of accounting. Whether revenue should be recognized when it is billed rather than when it is booked. Whether unamortized loss on reacquired debt may be expensed. Whether certain accounts should be removed from surplus because they had zero balances. Whether Plaintiff's apportionment factor should be reduced for receipts from gas not picked up or delivered in Texas.

Status: Discovery in progress. Summary Judgment hearing set 08/24/04.

First Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200229

AG Case #021556980

Franchise Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 01/24/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: James F. Martens
Period: 1996 through
1999 Christina A. Mondrik
Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Amount: \$1,919,109 Austin

Issue: Whether the throwback rule is unconstitutional and violates P.L. 86-272. Whether apportionment under the throwback rule, when compared to a separate accounting method, creates such a gross disparity in taxable income as to be unconstitutional. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Home Interiors & Gifts, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN303185

AG Case #031842420

Christine Monzingo Franchise Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 08/25/03

Period: 1992-1999 Plaintiff's Counsel: Daniel L. Butcher Amount: \$16,085,391.00

Strasburger & Price

Dallas

Farley P. Katz Strasburger & Price

San Antonio

Issue: Whether the Texas throwback provision, Tax Code §171.1032, is unconstitutional in violation of the Due Process, Commerce, Supremacy, and Equal Protection Clauses.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Inland Truck Parts Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN302603

AG Case #031831746

Franchise Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 07/24/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Cynthia M. Ohlenforst

Period: 1999 G. James Landon Amount: \$47,775.25

J. Blake Rice Hughes & Luce

Dallas

Issue: Whether an S corporation owned by an ESOP owes franchise tax when the shareholder has no income reportable to the IRS as taxable.

Status: Answer filed.

Inova Diagnostics, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201829

AG Case #021626213

Franchise Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 06/03/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Period: 1997 & 1998 Christina A. Mondrik

Amount: \$275 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

\$347 Austin Issue: Whether taxpayer has nexus with Texas. Whether the capital- based franchise tax is measured by net income for purposes of P.L. 86-272. Whether the Comptroller wrongfully forfeited plaintiff's corporate privileges. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Non-suited 03/12/03. Closure pending use of discovery in *Inova Diagnostics, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al.*, *Cause No. GN302862*.

Inova Diagnostics, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN302862

AG Case #031836471

Franchise Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 08/11/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.
Period: 1999 through Christina A. Mondrik

2003 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Amount: \$4,658 Austin

Issue: Whether taxpayer has nexus with Texas. Whether the capital- based franchise tax is measured by net income for purposes of P.L. 86-272. Whether the Comptroller wrongfully forfeited plaintiff's corporate privileges. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Non-jury trial set 05/03/04.

Randall's Food & Drugs, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003174

AG Case #001375450

Franchise Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Refund

Filed: 10/31/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: Jasper G. Taylor, III

Period: 1994-1997 Jay M. Chadha

Amount: \$4,006,942.39 Fulbright & Jaworski

Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's Rule 3.555(g)(3), which denies a carry forward of business losses of a merged corporation by the surviving corporation, is an unconstitutional retroactive law or a violation of Texas and Delaware statutes on mergers. Whether compensation of officers and directors should have been added back to Plaintiff's income and whether doing so violates constitutional equal taxation requirements. Whether some receipts were incorrectly treated as Texas receipts. Whether surplus calculation by the Comptroller should have excluded increases from push-down accounting. Whether failure to waive penalties and interest was arbitrary. Whether the audit has calculation errors. Whether the Comptroller's determination and decision violate equal protection, due process, and other constitutional provisions.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Reliant Energy Corp. (formerly Houston Industries, Inc.) v. Rylander, et al.

Cause #GN103935 AG Case #011532348

Franchise Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 11/28/01

Period: 1998 Plaintiff's Counsel: L.G. Skip Smith David H. Gilliland Amount: \$2,581,013.52

Clark, Thomas & Winters

Austin

Issue: Whether plaintiff may use business loss carry- forward from non-surviving corporation in merger to reduce its franchise tax.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Co., fka Noram Gas Transmission Co. v. **Rylander, et al.** Cause #99-08127

AG Case #99-1187675

Franchise Tax; Refund Jim Cloudt Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 07/15/99

Period: 1996 Plaintiff's Counsel: L.G. Skip Smith Amount: \$163,758.10

David H. Gilliland

Clark, Thomas & Winters

Austin

Issue: Whether a business loss carry-forward of a merged corporation may be used to reduce the surviving corporation's franchise tax.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Southern Union Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003692

AG Case #011399409

Franchise Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Filed: 12/29/00

Period: 1994 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

Amount: \$549,983 Ray Langenberg Eric Hagenswold

Scott, Douglass & McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff was required to use historical cost as the basis of assets of an acquired corporation. Whether post-retirement benefit obligations are debt. Whether disallowing deduction of post-retirement benefits violates equal protection. Whether Plaintiff may use another method to account for depreciation.

Status: Partial settlement.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN204559

AG Case #031730666

Franchise Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Refund

Filed: 12/20/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 1996-1999 Ray Langenberg

Amount: \$34,880,360.66 Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether interstate access revenues are Texas receipts for franchise tax purposes. Whether treating the revenues as Texas receipts violates the Comptroller's Rule on interstate calls and the due process, equal protection and commerce clauses of the Constitution. Whether other interstate call revenues in border areas are not Texas receipts.

Texaco Refining & Marketing (East), Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-14555

AG Case #99-1249228

Franchise Tax: Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 12/15/99

Period: 1994 Plaintiff's Counsel: Ray Langenberg Amount: \$1,028,616.15

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to a franchise tax credit for sales tax on manufacturing equipment purchased by a joint venture that it co-owned.

Status: Answer filed. On hold pending outcome of Saudi Refining, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Saudi decided in Comptroller's favor. Awaiting non-suit to be filed.

Texas Instruments, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102799

AG Case #011496635

Franchise Tax: Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 08/27/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling

Period: 1987-1990 Todd Wallace Amount: \$6,683,563.48 Gregory E. Perry Jones, Day, Reavis &

> Pogue Dallas

Issue: Whether delivering goods to plaintiff's customers in plaintiff's "bond rooms" for eventual shipment out-of-state were sales that generated Texas receipts. Whether Plaintiff's long-term contracts were properly characterized as service contracts. Whether treatment of Plaintiff's cost-plus contracts as service contracts violated equal protection or equal and uniform taxation. Whether all interest should have been waived. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Settled. Case to be closed.

Tyson Foods, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN302279

AG Case #031818966

Franchise Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Filed: 06/27/03

Period: 1992-1997 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Amount: \$4,462,424.56 Ray Langenberg

Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff must use accelerated or straight line depreciation. Whether penalty and interest should have been waived because Plaintiff's affiliates had overpayments during the audit period that could have been credited to Plaintiff's deficiencies.

Status: Answer filed.

U.S. Home Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003082

AG Case #001372424

Franchise Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 10/20/00

Period: 1992 and 1993 Plaintiff's Counsel: D. Steven Henry Amount: \$46,607.88 Gregory A. Harwe

Gregory A. Harwell Robert M. Reed, Jr. Gardere & Wynne

Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to write down or write off the value of its investment in bankrupt subsidiaries.

Status: Set for DWOP 12/12/03. Awaiting dismissal order.

Sales Tax

AccuTel of Texas, L.P. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN300091

AG Case #031735236

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Natalie Foerster

Filed: 01/10/03

Period: 06/01/97- Plaintiff's Counsel: Christopher Malish 11/30/00 Foster & Malish

Amount: \$45,658.15 Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff should have been assessed interest and penalty.

Status: Answer filed.

Advanta Business Services Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103463

AG Case #011514544

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 10/19/01

Period: 11/01/92- Plaintiff's Counsel: W. Stephen Benesh

12/31/97 Deanna E. King

Amount: \$929,964.11 Bracewell & Patterson

Austin

Issue: Whether plaintiff's leases were financing leases and not taxable operating leases under Comptroller Rule 3.294(i). Whether the Comptroller's sample was flawed. Alternatively, whether penalty and interest should have been waived.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Alexopolous, Dimitrios P. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-08096

AG Case #99-1187865

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Judgment

Filed: 07/14/99 Plaintiff's Counsel: Stephen W. Sather

Period: 07/01/88- Naman, Howell, Smith &

03/31/95 Lee

Amount: \$134,455.65 Austin

Issue: Issue is whether the Comptroller incorrectly calculated Plaintiff's gross taxable sales by using too low a factor for Plaintiff's personal consumption, improperly comparing Plaintiff's operations to other fast-food outlets, failing to consider that higher subsequent sales were due to population increases, determining that Plaintiff kept inadequate records when Plaintiff had lost them in a fire, and failing to consider the results of an IRS audit. Whether penalty and interest should be waived.

Status: Bankruptcy stay in effect. Discovery in progress. Trial set 10/15/01. Plaintiff filed bankruptcy petition 09/24/01. Bankruptcy/Collection Division has requested bankruptcy court to abstain. Case to be tried in Bankruptcy Court 11/08/02. Judgment in favor of Comptroller entered by Bankruptcy Court.

Alpine Industries, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-12998

#03-03-0643-CV AG Case #98-1080526

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 11/20/98

Period: 1994-1998 Plaintiff's Counsel: Stephen D. Good Amount: \$31,128.62 Gregory A. Harwel

Gregory A. Harwell Gardere & Wynne

Dallas

Issue: Whether Alpine may be regarded as a seller for direct sales made in Texas by independent dealers and whether holding Alpine liable for sales tax violates the commerce clause, due process or equal protection.

Status: Trial set 07/28/03. Summary Judgment, including counter-claim, granted for Comptroller 07/18/03. Final judgment entered 08/15/03. Motion for new trial filed 08/18/03. Plaintiff's Notice of Appeal filed 10/20/03. Appellant's brief filed 02/02/04. Appellees' brief due 04/02/04.

American Oil Change Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-06374

AG Case #99-1175084

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 06/03/99

Period: 1992-1993 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.
Amount: \$467,142.31 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Austin

Issue: Whether materials are provided by Plaintiff to its customers in the course of its motor vehicle repairs under lump sum contracts, requiring Plaintiff to pay tax on the cost of materials. If Plaintiff's contracts are lump sum, whether Plaintiff is entitled to credit for tax collected from its customers and remitted to the Comptroller. Whether software services are taxable when the seller of the services contributes rather than sells the software itself. Whether software services are exempt under §151.346 as sales between affiliated entities of previously exempt services. Whether interest should have been waived. Whether any of the above issues result in a denial of equal protection, equal and uniform taxation or due process under the federal and state constitutions.

Status: Discovery in progress. Mediation held 10/15/02. Trial set 08/23/04.

Anderson Merchandisers Holding, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN400421 AG Case #041921966

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 02/11/04

Period: 07/01/94- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

03/31/98 Doug Sigel

Amount: \$28,353.00 Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether industrial solid waste removal is exempt as a real property service.

Status: Answer filed.

Apollo Paint & Body Shop, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300886

AG Case #031770605

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Refund

Filed: 03/19/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: J. Scott Morris

Period: 10/01/91- J. Scott Morris, P.C.

09/30/98 Austin

Amount: \$285,284.13

Issue: Whether plaintiff performed its repairs under lump-sum contracts. Plaintiff also challenges the constitutionality of Rider 11.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 05/18/04.

Aramis Services, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03527

AG Case #98-930349

Sales Tax: Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 04/03/98

Period: 04/01/90-Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & 03/31/94

Pogue Amount: \$291,196

Dallas

Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Discovery in progress. Non-jury trial to be set prior to 11/22/04.

Aramis Services, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #0000384

AG Case #001273051

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 02/11/00

Period: 04/01/94-Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling

12/31/97

Robert Lochridge Amount: \$281,676.36 Jones, Day, Reavis &

> Pogue Dallas

Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed. Whether Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) is invalid and whether the Comptroller has authority to change its longstanding policy. Alternatively, whether penalty should be waived.

Status: Discovery in progress. Non-jury trial to be set prior to 11/22/04.

B&B Gravel Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN302323

AG Case #031831712

Sales Tax; Administrative Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Appeal

Filed: 07/01/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Richard S. Browne Period: George D. Gordon

Baggett, Gordon & Amount: \$

> Deison Conroe

Issue: Plaintiff claims that the liability assessed is inconsistent with the ALJ's decision and seeks review under the APA.

Status: Discovery in progress.

BGK Operating Co., Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301224

AG Case #031786478

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Refund

Filed: 04/17/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Kal Malik

Period: 01/01/99- Robert N. LeMay

07/31/02 Kane, Russell, Coleman

Amount: \$28,407.44 & Logan

Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is a lump-sum repairer of motor vehicles who should have paid tax on its purchases of oil and filters. Whether charging tax to the Plaintiff results in unconstitutional double taxation.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Baldry, Ann dba Annie's Housekeeping Services v. Sharp, et al. Cause #95-

02389

AG Case #95-234990

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Judgment

Filed: 2/27/95 Plaintiff's Counsel: Timothy M. Trickey
Period: 04/01/88- The Trickey Law Firm

06/30/92 Austin

Amount: \$63,588

Issue: Whether sales tax is due on maid services provided by maids placed by Plaintiff's service but acting as independent contractors. Also, whether Plaintiff relied, to her detriment, on advice from the Comptroller's Office.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 04/07/04.

Bandas, David v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201236

AG Case #021598024

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 04/16/02

Period: 05/01/96- Plaintiff's Counsel: Tom Tourtellotte 04/30/00 Hance Scarborough

Amount: \$24,178.86 Wright Ginsberg &

Brusilow Austin

Issue: Whether plaintiff is entitled to a sale for resale exemption on data processing services used in preparing tax returns.

Status: Final Judgment for Plaintiff entered 09/29/03. Case to be closed pending final payment.

Bedrock General Contractors v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101432

AG Case #011442035

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Judgment

Filed: 05/10/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Timothy M. Trickey Period: 06/01/92- The Trickey Law Firm

01/31/96 Austin

Amount: \$64,552.33

Issue: Whether successor liability was retroactively imposed. Whether successor liability may be imposed when little or no cash is exchanged in the purchase of the predecessor.

Status: Answer filed.

Bell Bottom Foundation Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-01092

AG Case #99-1112186

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 01/29/99

Period: 01/01/91- Plaintiff's Counsel: Timothy M. Trickey 12/31/94 The Trickey Law Firm

Amount: \$81,571.73 Austin

Issue: Whether taxpayer's sub-contract was a separated contract since the general contractor's construction contract was separated.

Status: Case dismissed for want of prosecution 06/17/03. Motion to Reinstate granted. Negotiating an Agreed Scheduling Order.

Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200525

AG Case #021567755

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 02/15/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.
Period: 01/01/90- Stahl, Martens & Bernal

06/30/93 Austin

07/01/93-06/30/97 Amount: \$7,280,079

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees and a declaration that the Comptroller disregarded controlling federal law, violated equal protection or imposed tax on the U.S. government.

Status: Answer filed.

Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN204437

AG Case #041927062

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 02/23/04 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Period: 07/01/97- Christi Mondrik

05/31/02 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Amount: \$3,000,000 Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees and a declaration that the Comptroller disregarded controlling federal law, violated equal protection or imposed tax on the U.S. government. Plaintiff also seeks recovery of attorneys' fees.

Big Tex Air Conditioning, Inc. v. Bullock, et al. Cause #486,321

AG Case #90-322672

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 6/26/90

Period: 04/01/85- Plaintiff's Counsel: John W. Berkel

07/31/88 Houston

Amount: \$181,397

Issue: Detrimental reliance and various allegations of unconstitutional enforcement; statute of

limitations.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Boeing North America, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203340

AG Case #021676804

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Filed: 09/13/02

Period: 01/01/95- Plaintiff's Counsel: David H. Gilliland

12/31/96 Clark, Thomas & Winters

Amount: \$343,487 Austin

Issue: Plaintiff claims a sale for resale exemption on items resold to the federal government.

Plaintiff also claims a denial of equal protection and an exemption under §151.3111.

Status: Answer filed.

Boeing North America, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN304372

AG Case #031884471

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 11/10/03

Period: 01/01/95- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/99 Ray Langenberg Amount: \$500,000 Doug Sigel

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Plaintiff claims a sale for resale exemption on items resold to the federal government. Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

Bonart, Richard C., DVM v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN400552

AG Case #041928532

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 02/20/04

Period: 01/01/02- Plaintiff's Counsel: Richard C. Bonart (Pro

12/31/02 Se)
Amount: \$50.00 El Paso

Issue: Whether microchips implanted in animals are exempt as health care supplies and as a therapeutic appliance or device. Plaintiff also claims a denial of equal and uniform protection.

Status: Answer filed.

Broadcast Satellite International, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103568

AG Case #011518479

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Judgment, Refund &

Protest Plaintiff's Counsel: William E. Bailey

Filed: 10/26/01 Dallas

Period: 01/01/91-

12/31/97

Amount: \$200,000

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's broadcast services are non-taxable information services under §151.0038(a). Whether Plaintiff's services are not taxable telecommunications services under §151.0103(l) or data processing under §151.0035. Whether the sale or use of Plaintiff's services occurred out-of-state. Whether Plaintiff's experts demonstrated that Plaintiff is exempt under federal law. Plaintiff asserts limitations as to part of the liability and also seeks attorneys' fees.

C & T Stone Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002428

AG Case #001344233

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 08/18/00

Period: 04/01/94- Plaintiff's Counsel: William T. Peckham

12/31/97 Austin

Amount: \$207,454.40

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes sales tax on its sales of limestone to third parties under §151.311(a). Whether Plaintiff detrimentally relied on advice from the Comptroller's Office. Whether exemption certificates covered some sales that were assessed tax. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to the manufacturing exemption under §151.318(g). Whether penalty and interest should be waived.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 05/17/04.

Central Power & Light Co. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #96-11455

AG Case #96-602037

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Filed: 09/20/96

Period: 07/01/86- Plaintiff's Counsel: L.G. Skip Smith

12/31/89 Clark, Thomas & Winters

Amount: \$32,788 Austin

Issue: Whether utility pole replacement services are non-taxable maintenance or taxable

repair labor.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Chapal Zenray, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN204506

AG Case #031729197

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Refund

Filed: 12/16/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 01/01/94- Ray Langenberg

12/31/97 Curtis J. Osterloh Amount: \$210,943.91 Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether items such as boxes, foam pads and twist ties are not subject to tax pursuant to Tex. Tax Code §151.011 (f)(2) and Rule 3.346 (c)(l)(c) when purchased by a person who uses the items to secure jewelry for shipment out-of-state.

Status: Answer filed.

Chevron Pipe Line Co. and West Texas Gulf Pipe Line Co. v. Strayhorn, et al.

Cause #GN304712 AG Case #031899016

Jim Cloudt Sales Tax: Refund Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 12/12/03

Period: 07/01/91-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

09/30/97 Ray Langenberg 01/01/92-09/30/97

Matthew J. Meese Amount: \$683,979.99 Scott, Douglass &

McConnico \$220,773.61

Austin

Issue: Whether installation of cathodic protection devices was new construction or maintenance. Whether excavation and back-filling were non-taxable unrelated services. Whether pipe replacement and recoating was non-taxable maintenance.

Status: Answer filed.

Church & Dwight Co., Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000525

AG Case #001258201

Sales Tax: Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 01/12/00

Period: 10/01/90-Plaintiff's Counsel: Robert C. Alden

12/31/93 Phillip L. Sampson, Jr.

Bracewell & Patterson Amount: \$64,868.50

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes use tax on promotional materials shipped from out-of-state. Whether the Comptroller's imposition of use tax is invalid because Plaintiff made no use of the materials in Texas. Whether Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) is invalid. Whether the tax violates the Commerce and Due Process Clauses of the United States Constitution.

Clinique Services, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03533

AG Case #98-930330

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 04/03/98

Period: 04/01/90- Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling 3/31/94 Jones, Day, Reavis &

Amount: \$519,192 Pogue

Dallas

Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Discovery in progress. Non-jury trial to be set prior to 11/22/04.

Clinique Services, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000376

AG Case #001273069

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 02/11/00

Period: 04/01/94- Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling

03/31/98 Robert Lochridge Amount: \$650,361.82 Jones, Day, Reavis &

Pogue Pogue

Dallas

Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed. Whether Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) is invalid and whether the Comptroller has authority to change its long-standing policy. Alternatively, whether penalty should be waived.

Status: Discovery in progress. Non-jury trial to be set prior to 11/22/04.

Coastal Refining & Marketing, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03540

AG Case #98-930321

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 04/03/98

Period: 01/01/89- Plaintiff's Counsel: Jasper G. Taylor, III 06/30/89 Fulbright & Jaworski

07/01/89-12/31/91 Houston

Amount: \$1,635,965

Joe W. Cox
Coastal States

Management Corp. Houston

Issue: Whether certain work performed by Plaintiff is new construction under a lump sum contract and thus not taxable.

Status: Discovery in progress. Plaintiff has submitted settlement offer.

Colt, Mach V., Trustee of the Harry T. Lloyd Charitable Trust, Successor in Interest to House of Lloyd, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100740

AG Case #011423951

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 03/09/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Marilyn A. Wethekam
Period: 01/01/95- Horwood Marcus & Berk

03/31/99 Chartered

Amount: \$645,193.40 Chicago, Illinois

David E. Cowling Charolette Noel Gregory E. Perry Jones, Day, Reavis &

Pogue Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to refund of sales tax on "hostess free goods," because Plaintiff paid use tax on the goods. Whether sales tax collected from its hostesses on hostess free goods can be refunded to them by a credit for merchandise. Whether Rule 3.325(b)(2) is invalid. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Cosmair, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN302009

AG Case #031816135

Sales Tax: Protest. Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: **David Cowling** Filed: 06/09/03 Robert Lochridge Period: 07/01/96-Gregory E. Perry

Jones Day 12/31/98 **Dallas** Amount: \$1,322,536.67

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes use tax on items transferred free of charge that are subsequently brought into Texas. Plaintiff specifically challenges whether: 1) "use" includes distribution; 2) use was only out-of-state where control transferred; 3) longstanding policy may be changed; 4) Rule 3.346 does not support tax on promotional materials; 5) use tax applies without title or possession; 6) no consideration for transfer; 7) Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) is invalid; 8) tax is bared by Commerce, Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses; and 9) resale exemption applies. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Delta Air Lines, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN400439

AG Case #041925868

Sales Tax: Refund Jana Kinkade Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 02/13/04

Period: 02/01/93-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/96

Ray Langenberg Amount: \$1,642,267.15 Matthew J. Meese Scott, Douglass & **McConnico**

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's purchases of janitorial and building maintenance services being resold under a lease agreement are exempt under the sale for resale exemption. Whether Plaintiff's purchases of mechanical maintenance services were exempt as taxable services purchased in the performance of a real property contract for an exempt entity.

Dillard's, Inc., aka Dillard Department Stores, Inc., and Dillard Texas Operating Limited Partnership v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203937

AG Case #021703947

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Refund

Filed: 10/30/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 07/01/93- Ray Langenberg Doug Sigel

01/31/96 Doug Sigel 02/01/96-11/30/96 Scott, Douglass &

Amount: \$1,100,000+ McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's sewing machines and other property used to alter clothing qualify for the manufacturing exemption. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to a refund of tax on packaging supplies, non-taxable services, and industrial solid waste disposal. Whether the Comptroller improperly applied a franchise tax credit to the assessed amount.

Status: Answer filed.

Dillard's Inc., aka Dillard Department Stores, Inc., and Dillard Texas Operating Limited Partnership v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN304838

AG Case #041904590

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 12/23/03

Period: 07/01/93- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman 01/31/96 Ray Langenberg

02/01/96-11/30/96 Doug Sigel

Amount: \$1,172,784.29 Scott, Douglass & McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's sewing machines and other property used to alter clothing qualify for the manufacturing exemption. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to a refund of tax on packaging supplies, non-taxable services, industrial solid waste disposal, and sale for resale items.

DuPont Photomasks, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN303695

AG Case #031855117

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 09/12/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Larry F. York Period: 01/01/96- Susan F. Gusky

10/31/97 York, Keller & Field

Amount: \$299,987.35 Austin

Jennifer K. Patterson

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's purchase of a cleanroom should have been an exempt sale for resale. Whether the lease of the cleanroom was incidental to the lease of the building in which it was housed and whether Rule 3.294(k)(1) is invalid. Whether the Comptroller's final decision is arbitrary and violates due process, equal and uniform taxation, and equal protection. Whether Rider 11 is unconstitutional as: (1) an amendment to substantive law; (2) a violation of due process, equal protection and open courts; and (3) an unconstitutional taking. Plaintiff seeks attorney's fees and demands a jury trial.

Status: Discovery in progress.

E. de la Garza, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003589

AG Case #0011395316

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 12/15/00

Period: 01/01/93- Plaintiff's Counsel: Rudy de la Garza

12/31/96 Brownsville

Amount: \$83,138.14

Issue: Whether sales of grocery bags and sacks are not taxable when sold to grocery stores who have provided a blanket sale for resale certificate. Plaintiff also complains of audit calculation errors.

Status: Inactive.

EFW, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200906

AG Case #021579578

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 03/19/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

Period: 04/94-03/31/98 Ray Langenberg
Amount: \$123,440.25 Doug Sigel

Curtis J. Osterloh Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

ELC Beauty LLC, as Successor-in-Interest to Aramis Services, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203514

AG Case #021681226

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 09/26/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling

Period: 01/01/98Robert Lochridge
12/31/00
Gregory E. Perry
Jones, Day, Reavis &

Pogue Dallas

Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed. Whether Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) is invalid and whether the Comptroller has authority to change its long-standing policy. Alternatively, whether penalty should be waived.

Estee Lauder Services, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03525

AG Case #98-930358

Sales Tax: Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 04/03/98

Period: 01/01/89-Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling 09/30/92 Jones, Day, Reavis &

Pogue Amount: \$472,225

Dallas

Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Answer filed.

Estee Lauder Services, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03524

AG Case #98-930367

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 04/03/98

Period: 10/01/92-Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & 03/31/96

Amount: \$748,773 Pogue

Dallas

Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Discovery in progress. Non-jury trial to be set prior to 11/22/04.

Estee Lauder Services, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101312

AG Case #011439874

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 05/01/01

Period: 04/01/96-Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling

06/30/99 Robert Lochridge Jones, Day, Reavis & Amount: \$614,814.78

> Pogue Dallas

Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Answer filed.

Ethicon, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN304779

AG Case #041904616

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 12/18/03

Period: 01/01/96- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/99 Doug Sigel

01/01/94-12/31/95 Scott, Douglass & McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff leased real property not subject to the sales and use tax.

Status: Answer filed.

F M Express Food Mart, Inc., and Fouad Hanna Mekdessi v. Rylander, et al.

Cause #GN002724 AG Case #001353960

Sales Tax; Injunction Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 09/15/00

Period: 12/01/90- Plaintiff's Counsel: Percy L. "Wayne" Isgitt

11/30/97 Houston

Amount: \$360,671.05

Issue: Whether Comptroller's "estimated audit" is invalid. Whether Plaintiffs are entitled to an injunction of collection and of cancellation of their sales tax permits. Whether Tax Code §§112.051, 112.052, 112.101 and 112.108 are unconstitutional violations of the open courts provision. Plaintiffs seek a re-audit and a refund of money paid under protest in excess of the re-audited amount.

Status: Discovery in progress. Plaintiffs currently preparing settlement offer.

FXI Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102724

AG Case #011492857

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Filed: 08/22/01

Period: 10/01/94- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

06/30/98 Ray Langenberg Amount: \$51,832.31 Eric Hagenswold

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's boxes and packing materials are exempt as items shipped out-of-state. Whether denial of the exemption violates equal protection.

Status: Discovery in progress. Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment hearing postponed.

Fiesta Texas Theme Park, Ltd. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-02407

AG Case #98-914152

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Filed: 03/05/98

Period: 10/01/90- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman 04/30/93 Ray Langenberg

04/30/93 Ray Langenberg
Amount: \$328,829 Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether prizes awarded by Plaintiff to successful contestants of coin-operated as well as non-coin operated games are purchased for resale. Whether sales tax constitutes double taxation on machines on which occupation tax is paid and on non-coin games, admission to which is taxed. Advertising and sewing services are not taxable.

Status: Plaintiff filed a partial motion for summary judgment; hearing set 03/23/04.

Fiesta Texas Theme Park, Ltd. and San Antonio Theme Park, L.P. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200563 (Consolidated with Fiesta Texas Theme Park, Ltd. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-02407)
AG Case #021567789

Jana Kinkade Sales Tax: Refund Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 02/20/02

Period: 05/01/93-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

03/01/96 Ray Langenberg

Scott, Douglass & 03/01/96-02/28/98 **McConnico**

Amount: \$592,759.97 \$349,933.08 Austin

Issue: Whether prizes awarded by Plaintiff to successful contestants of coin-operated as well as non-coin operated games are purchased for resale. Whether sales tax constitutes double taxation on machines on which occupation tax is paid and on non-coin games, admission to which is taxed. Advertising and sewing services are not taxable. Whether the assessment against Fiesta was outside limitations.

Status: See Fiesta Texas Theme Park, Ltd. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-02407.

Garza, Lawrence v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-07607

AG Case #98-1001886

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Filed: 07/17/98

Period: 01/01/93-Plaintiff's Counsel: Stephen P. Dillon 09/30/95

Lindeman & Dillon

Houston Amount: \$83,910

Issue: Whether the Comptroller used the proper sampling procedure and whether Plaintiff was correctly notified of the procedure to be used.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial setting passed by agreement.

General Dynamics Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201322

AG Case #021598057

Sales Tax; Refund Jim Cloudt Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 04/22/02

Period: 09/01/88-Plaintiff's Counsel: Ira A. Lipstet

11/30/91 Matthew G. Grimmer Jenkens & Gilchrist Amount: \$7,000,000

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

General Dynamics Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201323

AG Case #021598073

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 04/22/02

Period: 12/01/91- Plaintiff's Counsel: Ira A. Lipstet

02/28/93 Matthew G. Grimmer Amount: \$4,500,000 Jenkens & Gilchrist

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

Gift Box Corp. of America, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102934

AG Case #011492865

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 09/05/01

Period: 10/91-03/97 Plaintiff's Counsel: Ira A. Lipstet

Amount: \$359,929.22 Matthew G. Grimmer

Jenkins & Gilchrist

Austin

Issue: Whether additional resale certificates should have been accepted for Plaintiff's sales of boxes and packaging materials.

Status: Answer filed. Plaintiff to make settlement offer.

Graybar Electric Co., Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #97-01795

AG Case #97-682966

Sales Tax: Protest **Scott Simmons** Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 02/13/97

Period: 01/01/88-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/91

Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & Amount: \$107,667

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether the sample audit resulted in a correct assessment.

Status: Trial set 04/21/04.

Grocers Supply-Institutional-Convenience, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause

#GN300904

AG Case #031782931

Sales Tax: Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 03/20/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Judy M. Cunningham

Period: 06/01/95-Attorney at Law

05/31/98 Austin

Amount: \$79,688.23

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's purchase of electricity used to lower the temperature of food products is exempt as electricity used in processing.

Status: Answer filed.

H.J. Wilson Co., Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-11574

AG Case #98-1063332

Sales Tax: Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 10/13/98

Period: 07/01/90-Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling

12/31/93 Jones, Day, Reavis &

Amount: \$1,076,019 Pogue **Dallas** Issue: Whether the purchase of sales catalogs printed out-of-state and shipped to Plaintiff's customers in Texas (at no charge to the customer) incur sales tax.

Status: On hold. Plaintiff filed bankruptcy in Tennessee 03/25/99. Motion to dismiss by court set 05/07/01. Plaintiff filed motion to retain 04/25/01.

Herndon Marine Products, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #91-14786

AG Case #91-164788

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 10/18/91

Period: 01/01/87 - Plaintiff's Counsel: John D. Bell

03/31/90 Wood, Boykin & Wolter

Amount: \$62,465 Corpus Christi

Issue: Whether predominant use of electricity from Plaintiff's meter is exempt. Whether burden of proof in administrative hearing should be clear and convincing evidence or preponderance of the evidence.

Status: Special exceptions and answer filed.

Hines Interests Limited Partnership v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003245 AG Case #001381680

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Refund

Filed: 11/08/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gerard A. Desrochers

Period: 07/01/92- Houston

02/28/94

Amount: \$129,677.60

Issue: Whether correction of original construction defects is new construction or real property repair and remodeling. Whether Comptroller Rule 3.357 conflicts with legislative intent. Whether the Comptroller's application of the statute and rule violate due process and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed. Awaiting DWOP setting.

Hollon Oil Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN303895

AG Case #031866668

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Refund

Filed: 09/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Period: 01/01/99- Christina A. Mondrik

12/31/02 Stahl, Martens & Bernal,

Amount: \$144,937.05 LLP
Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes sales and use tax on materials which Plaintiff purchased for installation in customers' vehicles. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to a credit for sales tax collected from customers for said materials.

Status: Answer filed.

House of Lloyd, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000111

AG Case #001261478

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Refund

Filed: 01/21/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: Marilyn A. Wethekam

Period: 06/01/92- Horwood Marcus & Berk

12/31/96 Chartered

Amount: \$597,281.67 Chicago, Illinois

L.G. (Skip) Smith

Clark, Thomas & Winters

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes use tax on direct sales items, hostess free goods and demonstrator kits. Whether Plaintiff owes tax for under-collection of local sales tax. Whether the Comptroller's sample was flawed because it failed to consider over-collections of tax. Whether penalty should be waived.

Status: Discovery in progress.

JBI, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203450

AG Case #021681218

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Filed: 09/20/02

Period: 01/01/93- Plaintiff's Counsel: W. Stephen Benesh

08/31/99 James E. Boice

Amount: \$1,046,033.09 Bracewell & Patterson

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller assessed tax on transactions that were sales for resale or on which use tax had already been paid.

Status: Discovery in progress.

J.C. Penney Co., Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300883

AG Case #031770613

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 03/19/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling Period: 01/01/91- Robert Lochridge

03/31/93 Jones Day Amount: \$951,802.17 Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes use tax on paper, ink and the printing of catalogs printed outof-state. Whether local use tax in McAllen, Texas applies to Plaintiff's aircraft. Alternatively, whether the printing service is performed outside Texas. Whether a sales and use tax on the catalogs violates the Commerce Clause, due process or equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorney's fees.

Status: Answer filed.

JHS Enterprises, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201357

AG Case #021613591

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Judgment

Filed: 04/25/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Arne M. Ray
Period: 01/01/97- Ray & Associates

09/30/99 Houston

Amount: \$77,774.37

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes tax for storage of abandoned vehicles later sold by the City of Houston. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Plaintiff granted declaratory judgment action without pre-payment of tax.

Jerman Cookie Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101492

AG Case #011451598

Sales Tax; Refund and Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 05/16/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Steve M. Williard

Period: 12/01/92 through
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Meyer, Knight &

Amount: \$43,121.45 Williams
Houston

Issue: Whether plaintiff's sale of cookies and brownies is taxable under Tax Code §151.314 and Comptroller Rule 3.293. Plaintiff also seeks review under the Administrative Procedures Act and the UDJA, and seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Amended Petition filed. Discovery in progress.

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., The v. Rylander, et al. Cause

#GN001612

AG Case #001316520

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 06/05/00

Period: 01/01/94- Plaintiff's Counsel: James D. Blume

12/31/98 Jennifer S. Stoddard Amount: \$345,377.95 Blume & Stoddard

Dallas

Issue: Whether an insurance company is exempt from sales taxes on its use of electricity on the grounds that Tex. Ins. Code Art. 4.11, Section 9 prohibits them.

Status: Motion for Summary Judgment filed. Case stayed pending the outcome of *USAA v. Strayhorn*, Cause No. 03-02-00747-CV in the Third Court of Appeals. Summary Judgment hearing to be rescheduled. Trial set 11/08/04.

Kennedy, Gary G. dba Kennedy's Korner v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN202992

AG Case #021663539

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Judgment

Filed: 08/22/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gary G. Kennedy

Period: Pro Se Amount: \$ Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff may enjoin fraud audit subpoena and suspension of his sales and mixed beverage permits.

Status: Counter-claim filed. Taxpayer filed bankruptcy 10/15/03.

LTV Aerospace & Defense Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203321

AG Case #021676770

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 09/13/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Alan E. Sherman, Esq.

Period: 06/01/86- Dallas

08/31/92

Amount: \$8,576,046

Issue: Plaintiff claims a sale for resale exemption on items resold to the federal government. Plaintiff also claims a denial of equal protection and that the incidence of the tax falls on the federal government. Plaintiff claims that the Comptroller violated the commerce clause by failing to follow title-passing regulations and also seeks a declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

LabOne, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002190

AG Case #001335645

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 08/02/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: James F. Martens

Period: 1991-1997 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Amount: \$520,983.95 Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff has nexus in Texas for tax on performance of lab tests in Kansas. Whether Plaintiff's activities are taxable insurance services in Texas. Whether Plaintiff's services and sales of supplies are exempt by rule and statute. Whether tax on Plaintiff violates due process and equal taxation. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment hearing held 06/24/02. District Court denied parties' cross-motions for summary judgment. Trial postponed. Settlement negotiations in progress.

Laredo Coca-Cola Bottling Co, and Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300575

AG Case #031759657

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 02/21/03

Period: 05/01/93- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

 06/30/96
 Ray Langenberg

 10/01/91-06/30/96
 Curtis Osterloh

 01/01/90-12/31/92
 Scott, Douglass &

07/01/91-06/30/96 McConnico Amount: \$6,726 Austin

\$591,086

Issue: Whether post-mix machines qualify for manufacturing tax exemption. Whether some of the machines also qualify for the sale for resale exemption, because plaintiff received consideration even if not valued in money.

Status: Answer filed.

Laredo Country Club, Inc., A Texas Corp. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-11834

AG Case #98-1064363

Sales Tax; Protest; Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 10/20/98 Plaintiff's Counsel: John Christian Period: 08/1-30/98 Vinson & Elkins

Amount: \$2,054 Austin

Issue: Whether sales tax is due on the portion of country club membership fees designated as "capital improvement fees" and "gratuities."

Status: Dismissed for Want of Prosecution 07/25/02. Reopened, as plaintiff has filed a Motion for Reinstatement in 10/02.

Lebaron Hotel Corp., dba The Lebaron Hotel v. Sharp, et al. Cause #91-17399

AG Case #92-10477

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Filed: 12/13/91

Period: 10/01/87 - Plaintiff's Counsel: Robert C. Cox

06/30/90 Dallas

Amount: \$22,326

Issue: Whether Comptroller could tax an arbitrary percentage of ingredients in complimentary mixed drinks and whether ingredients are exempt because they are taxed elsewhere. Is tax due on repairs to parking lot. Whether purchase of items from Ramada Inn is exempt as entire operating assets of a business or identifiable segment.

Status: Non-suited. Case to be closed.

Lee Construction and Maintenance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-01091 AG Case #99-1112160

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 01/29/99

Period: 01/01/92- Plaintiff's Counsel: Timothy M. Trickey 12/31/95 The Trickey Law Firm

Amount: \$31,830.47 Austin

Issue: Various issues, including credits for bad debts, tax paid, tax on new construction and tax paid in Louisiana, resale exemptions and waiver of penalty and interest.

Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

Levy, Tara, et al. v. OfficeMax, Inc. and Best Buy Stores, L.P. Cause #GN201252 AG Case #041926635

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Judgment

Filed: Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark L. Perlmutter
Period: C Brooks Schuelke
Amount: \$ Perlmutter & Schuelke,

LLP Austin Issue: Plaintiff claims a refund for the class of persons who paid sales tax on rebates. Plaintiff seeks declaratory judgment interpreting Texas Tax Code Sections pertaining to cash discounts and exemption from sales tax..

Status: Answer filed.

Liaison Resources, L.P., and David S. Claunch v. Rylander, et al. Cause

#GN202795

AG Case #021663307

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 08/14/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: James F. Martens
Period: 1991-1999 Christina A. Mondrik
Amount: \$136,659.08 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs owe tax on computer-related temporary services. Whether the Comptroller improperly assessed tax on items sold out of state or on sales for resale. Plaintiffs also claim a violation of equal protection and seek attorneys' fees.

Status: Third settlement meeting scheduled. Trial set 08/23/04.

Local Neon Co., Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-15042

AG Case #001254036

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 12/31/99 Plaintiff's Counsel: James D. Blume

Period: Jennifer S. Stoddard
Amount: \$34,390.24 Blume & Stoddard

Dallas

Judy M. Cunningham

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff was doing business in Texas by delivering and installing its signs that were sold under contract negotiated outside of Texas. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 06/14/04.

Lockheed Martin Corp., as Successor to Lockheed Martin Vought Systems Corp. and Loral Vought Systems Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103525

AG Case #011523446

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 10/24/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 09/01/92- Ray Langenberg 11/30/95 Doug Sigel

Amount: \$2,680,000 Curtis J. Osterloh Scott, Douglass &

McConnico
Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Lockheed Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201000

AG Case #021583745

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 03/26/02

Period: 03/01/93- Plaintiff's Counsel: Ira A. Lipstet

01/31/96 Matthew G. Grimmer Amount: \$7,000,000 Jenkens & Gilchrist

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Lockheed Martin Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200999

AG Case #021583737

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 03/26/02

Period: 01/01/96- Plaintiff's Counsel: Ira A. Lipstet

09/30/97 Matthew G. Grimmer Amount: \$3,500,000 Jenkens & Gilchrist

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

Lockheed Martin Corp., Successor to Lockheed Martin Vought Systems Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201725

AG Case #021620414

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 05/23/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 12/01/95- Ray Langenberg

06/30/97 Doug Sigel

Amount: \$1,857,000 Curtis J. Osterloh Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Lockheed Martin Corp. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300420

AG Case #031751118

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 02/10/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 07/01/97- Ray Langenberg

07/31/01 Doug Sigel

Amount: \$2,837,000 Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Lockheed Martin Kelly Aviation Center, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause

#GN400625

AG Case #041928870

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 02/26/04

Period: 01/01/99- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman 12/31/00 Ray Langenberg

Amount: \$1,025,000 Doug Sigel

Amount: \$1,025,000 Doug Sigel Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

MG Building Materials, Ltd. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301686

AG Case #031802978

Sales Tax: Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 05/23/03

Period: 01/01/96-Plaintiff's Counsel: Douglas W. Sanders Elizabeth A. Copeland

04/30/99

Jeffrey T. Cullinane Amount: \$2,015,426.24

Oppenheimer, Blend, Harrison & Tate San Antonio

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's audit was flawed because the Comptroller improperly failed to consider late resale or other exemptions in the sample. Whether the sample methodology and 60-day letter made it impossible for Plaintiff to show that the assessment was wrong. Plaintiff also requests a jury trial.

Status: Discovery in progress.

May Department Stores Co., The v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300583

#03-03-00729-CV AG Case #031759525

Sales Tax: Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 02/21/03

Plaintiff's Counsel: Period: 04/01/96-Mark W. Eidman

03/31/99 Ray Langenberg Doug Sigel Amount: \$930,000

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether printing on bulk paper purchased out-of-state and made into catalogs and circulars is subject to use tax. Whether the essence of the transaction in producing the catalogs is non-taxable labor. Whether "distribution" is included in the use tax.

Status: Summary Judgment granted to Comptroller 10/30/03. Plaintiff filed Notice of Appeal 12/02/03. Appellant's brief filed 01/12/04. Oral argument requested. Appellees' brief filed 02/17/04.

Medaphis Physicians Services Corp. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #94-11610

AG Case #94-149390

Sales Tax; Protest and Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 09/16/94 Plaintiff's Counsel: Garry M. Miles Period: 05/01/94- Vinson & Elkins

06/30/94 Austin

Amount: \$17,063

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's services are taxable (1) insurance services, (2) debt collection services, or (3) data processing services, and whether Rules 3.330, 3.354, and 3.355 exceed the Comptroller's rule making authority.

Status: Inactive.

Mitchell, Christia Parr v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201330

AG Case #021604541

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 04/22/02

Period: 01/01/95- Plaintiff's Counsel: Christia Parr Mitchell,

12/31/98 Pro Se

Amount: \$160,870.48 San Antonio

Issue: Whether plaintiff may recover a sales tax refund for taxes paid by a corporation controlled by her ex-husband when the liability was paid pursuant to orders of the court in which the divorce was granted.

Status: Inactive.

Nachhattar Tejpal Legha Enterprises, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203398 AG Case #021676812

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 09/18/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: James F. Martens

Period: 04/01/97- Jessica Scott

07/31/99 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Amount: \$15,841 Austin

Issue: Plaintiff claims that the Comptroller wrongfully assessed additional sales tax by misstating Plaintiff's gross taxable receipts and wrongfully failed to entertain Plaintiff's refund claim. Plaintiff also seeks a declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

National Business Furniture, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03927

AG Case #98-932766

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 04/15/98 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.
Period: 01/01/93- Stahl, Martens & Bernal

07/31/95 Austin

Amount: \$68,398

Issue: Whether promotional materials printed out-of-state and delivered into Texas are

subject to use tax.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 03/08/04.

Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #93-10279-A

AG Case #93-340549

Sales Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling

Filed: 08/26/93 Gregg Perry

Period: 01/01/87- Jones, Day, Reavis &

03/31/90 Pogue Amount: \$1,046,465 Dallas

Issue: Plaintiff's customers buy gifts from Plaintiff outside Texas and have the gifts delivered by common carrier to Texas "donees." Should the Comptroller have assessed use tax on these "gift sends." Second Issue: whether tax is due on certain remodeling services. Plaintiff asks for attorneys fees under 42 USC §§1983 and 1988.

Status: Agreed judgment signed 03/11/96 on the gift send issue. An agreed order for severance was signed on 03/11/96 on the remodeling issues and the attorneys' fees. Cause renumbered 93-10279-A. State filed a plea to jurisdiction on attorneys' fees on 10/06/93.

Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., The v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102403

AG Case #011478294

Jim Cloudt Sales Tax: Protest Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 08/01/01

Period: 04/01/90-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/93

Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & Amount: \$1,908,969.01

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether printing charges for catalogs are not subject to use tax because: (a) the printing services were not used in Texas, (b) the printed catalogs were gifts for which title transferred outside Texas, (c) plaintiff did not have sufficient control to be a Texas user, (d) the statute does not include distribution in the definition of use, (e) no use tax is due under the doctrine of *Morton Bldgs.*, (f) Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) does not apply or is invalid, and/or (g) Tax Code 151.3111(a) exempts the printing service. Whether photograph retouching is (a) a sale of tangible personal property, or (b) repair, remodeling, maintenance or restoration of tangible personal property, or (c) exempt under Tax Code 151.330(e). Also, whether remodeling contracts were tax included and whether sampling was improper. Plaintiff seeks attorneys fees.

Status: Answer filed.

North American Intelecom, Inc., et al. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #97-05318

AG Case #97-733563

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 05/02/97

Plaintiff's Counsel: Period: 04/01/91-Jasper G. Taylor, III 05/31/95 Fulbright & Jaworski

Amount: \$2,029,180 Houston

Issue: Whether care, custody, and control of Plaintiff's public telephone equipment passed to

their customers, so that Plaintiff could buy the equipment tax free for resale.

Status: Inactive.

North Texas Asset Management, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #94-08603

AG Case #94-113766

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: James Parsons

Judgment

Filed: 7/14/94 Plaintiff's Counsel: Judy M. Cunningham

Period: 05/02/91- Attorney at Law

12/31/91 Austin

Amount: \$24,307

Issue: Whether a sale of a business approved by the SBA (which held a lien and received the proceeds) is tantamount to a foreclosure sale so that no successor liability should attach.

Status: Answer filed; inactive. Parties are involved in informal discussions to resolve or eliminate issues currently in controversy.

Northrop Grumman Systems Corp. (Successor to Northrop Grumman Corp. and Vought Aircraft Co.) v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201344

AG Case #021607155

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 05/01/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Period: 09/01/92- Stahl, Martens & Bernal

11/30/95 Austin

Amount: \$1,600,000

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff claims that collection of the tax violates the supremacy clause as a tax on the U.S. government and that the Comptroller violated the constitutional requirements of equal protection and equal taxation by denying the refund claim. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Petrolite Corp. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #91-13885

AG Case #91-149840

Sales Tax; Protest and Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Refund

Filed: 09/27/91 Plaintiff's Counsel: David H. Gilliland

Period: 04/01/84 - Clark, Thomas & Winters

03/31/88 Austin

Amount: \$432,105

Issue: Resale certificates; taxable maintenance services; taxability of various chemicals and

other tangible personal property used in oil well services.

Status: Inactive.

Praxair, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #97-03919 (consolidated with Cause No. 95-00690,

Praxair, Inc. v. Sharp, et al.)

AG Case #97-706272

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 04/01/97 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gerard A. Desrochers

Period: 01/01/90- Houston

12/31/90

Amount: \$57,815

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erroneously denied Plaintiff's claim for refund of tax paid on manufacturing equipment, alleging that Plaintiff was not engaged in actual manufacturing.

Status: See Cause No. 95-00690, Praxair, Inc. v. Sharp, et al.

Praxair, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #95-00690

AG Case #95-214921

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 01/18/95 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gerard A. Desrochers

Period: 1990 Houston

Amount: \$74,608

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erroneously denied Plaintiff's claim for refund of tax paid on manufacturing equipment, alleging that Plaintiff was not engaged in actual manufacturing.

Status: Nothing pending.

R Communications, Inc. fka RN Communications, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause

#91-4893

#03-91-00390CV AG Case #91-62355

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Judgment

Filed: 04/08/91 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark How

Period: 10/01/80 - Short, How, Frels &

11/02/84 Tredoux Amount: \$None (Plaintiff Dallas

was assessed \$67,836 tax

but did not pay)

Issue: Whether a taxpayer can be required to pay the disputed tax before filing suit in district court. Constitutionality of §112.108 under Texas Constitution Open Courts provision.

Status: District Court granted State's plea to the jurisdiction. State won the appeal. Supreme Court reversed and remanded on 04/27/94. State's motion for rehearing denied. Inactive.

RAI Credit Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003556

AG Case #011395266

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 12/12/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling

Period: 01/01/8912/31/93

Gregory E. Perry
Jones, Day, Reavis &

Amount: \$297,616.32 Pogue

Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff lacks nexus for collection of use tax on accounts receivable that were factored to it. Whether Plaintiff is a "seller" or "retailer" engaged in business in Texas. Whether Plaintiff is liable under §111.016 as a person who received tax. Whether imposition of tax denies equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress.

R.G.V. Vending, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN304344

AG Case #031881428

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Judgment

Filed: 11/07/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark D. Hopkins
Period: 09/01/99- Savrick, Schumann,
12/31/01 Johnson & McGarr

Amount: \$233,847.27 Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes sales tax on vending machine items for those items sold or severed by schools. Whether the sample audit was invalid. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Plaintiff filed Application for Temporary Restraining Order 01/22/04. Defendant filed Response to Plaintiff's TRO application 01/22/04. TRO application denied 01/22/04.

Raytheon E-Systems, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101511

#03-02-00346-CV #03-0416 AG Case #011451606

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Judgment and Refund

Filed: 05/17/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 06/01/89 - Ray Langenberg

12/31/96 Doug Sigel

Amount: \$6,000,000 Curtis J. Osterloh Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Summary Judgment hearing held 03/05/02. Partial summary judgment for plaintiff signed 03/29/02. Judgment for Raytheon granted 05/15/02. State's Notice of Appeal filed 06/04/02. Appellants' brief filed 09/20/02. Appellee's brief filed 10/18/02. Appellants' reply brief filed 11/07/02. Oral argument completed 12/04/02. Comptroller's post-submission brief filed 12/15/02. Trial court affirmed, in part, remanded, in part, 01/30/03. Motion for Rehearing and Motion for En Banc Reconsideration filed by State 03/17/03; denied 03/27/03. Petition for Review filed by State 05/12/03. Response filed 05/20/03 by Raytheon. Reply filed by State 05/30/03. Petition for Review denied 08/28/03. Motion for Rehearing filed by State 09/12/03; denied 10/24/03. Final order of the Supreme Court sent to Court of Appeals 12/09/03. Case is in discovery on remand. Summary Judgment hearing set 06/03/04.

Raytheon Co., as Successor in Interest to Raytheon Training, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201022

AG Case #021588694

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 03/28/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 08/01/88 - Scott, Douglass &

05/31/97 McConnico Amount: \$2,500,000.00 Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Raytheon Co. and Daimlerchrysler Corp. as Successors to Central Texas Airborne Systems, Inc., fka Chrysler Technologies Airborne Systems, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN302082

AG Case #031816143

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 06/13/03

Period: 04/01/89- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/96 Ray Langenberg Amount: \$228,368 Doug Sigel

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Raytheon Co., as Successor to Raytheon TI Systems, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al.

Cause #GN303643 AG Case #031853625

Jim Cloudt Sales Tax: Refund Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 09/09/03

Period: 07/01/97-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/98 Ray Langenberg

Amount: \$3,500,000 Doug Sigel

Scott, Douglass & McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert.

Status: Answer filed.

Raytheon Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN303644

AG Case #031853633

Jim Cloudt Sales Tax: Refund Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 09/09/03

Period: 01/01/99-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman 12/31/02 Ray Langenberg

Doug Sigel Amount: \$7,400,000

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert.

Raytheon Co., as Successor to Raytheon E-Systems, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al.

Cause #GN303645 AG Case #031853641

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Filed: 09/09/03

Period: 01/01/97- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman 12/31/98 Ray Langenberg

Amount: \$4,000,000 Doug Sigel

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

Raytheon Co., as Successor to Raytheon E-Systems, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al.

Cause #GN304089 AG Case #031873441

Sales Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Refund & Declaratory

JudgmentPlaintiff's Counsel:Mark W. EidmanFiled: 10/16/03Ray LangenbergPeriod: 10/01/91-Doug Sigel

12/31/96 Scott, Douglass &

Amount: \$389,408.28 McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Roadway Express, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002831

AG Case #001357631

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 09/25/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling
Period: 04/01/8805/31/92 Robert Lochridge
Jones, Day, Reavis &

Amount: \$713,686.05 Pogue \$206.053.87 Dallas

Issue: Whether various equipment used by the Plaintiff with its trucks is exempt from use tax as tangible personal property sold to a common carrier for use outside the state. Alternatively, whether the equipment had been taxed as vehicle components under the interstate motor carrier tax and could not be taxed as "accessories." Alternatively, whether taxing 100% of the value of the equipment violates the Commerce Clause because of a lack of substantial nexus and of fair apportionment. Whether all tax was paid on Plaintiff's repair and remodeling contracts and capital assets. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Trial to be set prior to 02/28/05.

Robbins & Myers, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301171

AG Case #031786551

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Judgment

Filed: 04/11/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Henry Binder Period: 06/01/95- Porter & Hedges

07/31/98 Houston

Amount: \$23,492.41

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is required to pay additional tax after the Comptroller's administrative order became final. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to the manufacturing exemption for down-hole drilling equipment and whether completion of Plaintiff's facility was new construction

Rockwell Collins, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203339

AG Case #021676788

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Filed: 09/13/02

Period: 01/01/97- Plaintiff's Counsel: David H. Gilliland

12/31/98 Clark, Thomas & Winters

Amount: \$591,028.39 Austin

Issue: Plaintiff claims a sale for resale exemption on items resold to the federal government.

Plaintiff also claims a denial of equal protection and an exemption under §151.3111.

Status: Answer filed.

Rollins & Rollins Enterprises, Inc., dba Country Kwik Stop v. Rylander, et al.

Cause #GN202097 AG Case #021640651

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 06/28/02

Period: 08/01/97- Plaintiff's Counsel: William T. Peckham

07/31/00 Austin

Amount: \$45,059.74

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is liable for tax on food sold from its convenience store area.

Whether the Comptroller applied proper percentages for loss and waste.

Status: Answer filed.

Schoenborn & Doll Enterprises, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-07605

AG Case #99-1187592

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 07/01/99 Plaintiff's Counsel: Kevin W. Morse

Period: 07/01/95- Blazier, Christensen &

05/31/97 Bigelow Amount: \$140,936.92 Austin

Issue: Whether the portion of Plaintiff's gym membership fee allocated to aerobic training is included in Plaintiff's taxable amusement services. Whether the Comptroller improperly disregarded the rule addressing non-taxable aerobic and tanning services under the amusement services tax. Whether the Comptroller should have applied its detrimental reliance policy.

Status: Inactive. Plaintiff paid tax under pay-out agreement.

Service Merchandise Co., Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-11572

AG Case #98-1063308

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 10/13/98

Period: 01/01/92- Plaintiff's Counsel: David E. Cowling

12/31/93 Jones, Day, Reavis &

Amount: \$413,569 Pogue Dallas

Issue: Whether the purchase of sales catalogs printed out-of-state and shipped to Plaintiff's customers in Texas (at no charge to the customer) incur sales tax.

Status: On hold. Plaintiff filed bankruptcy in Tennessee on 03/25/99. Motion to dismiss set 05/07/01. Plaintiff filed motion to retain 04/25/01.

Sharper Image Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203645

AG Case #021686779

Sales Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Filed: 10/09/02 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Period: 07/01/94- Austin

11/30/97

Amount: \$264,355.46 Martin I. Eisenstein

Kevin J. Beal Brann & Isaacson Lewiston, ME

Issue: Whether use tax imposed on catalogs shipped from out-of-state is unlawful because: (1) plaintiff never used the catalogs in Texas; (2) the tax violates the Commerce Clause; and, (3) Rule 3.346 is unconstitutional. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial to be reset.

Sharper Image Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203821

AG Case #021696851

Sales Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Filed: 10/22/02 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Period: 12/01/97- Austin

03/31/01

Amount: \$258,205.20 Martin I. Eisenstein

Kevin J. Beal Brann & Isaacson Lewiston, ME

Issue: Whether use tax imposed on catalogs shipped from out-of-state is unlawful because: (1) plaintiff never used the catalogs in Texas; (2) the tax violates the Commerce Clause; and, (3) Rule 3.346 is unconstitutional. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial to be reset.

Southern Sandblasting and Coatings, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103910 AG Case #011532355

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 11/27/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.

Period: 01/01/95- Stahl, Martens & Bernal

12/31/98 Austin

Amount: \$219,219.35

\$47.15

Issue: Whether items used in vessel repair, such as paint-gun parts, are exempt materials. Whether denial of the exemption violates equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 08/09/04.

Southwest Food Processing & Refrigerated Services, aka Southwest Refrigerated Warehousing Services v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103390

AG Case #011509668

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 10/15/01

Period: 01/01/96- Plaintiff's Counsel: H. Christopher Mott 12/31/99 Krafsur Gordon Mott

Amount: \$188,477.57 El Paso

Issue: Whether plaintiff owes tax on electricity used to freeze food items.

Status: Answer filed.

Sprint International Communications, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #96-14298

AG Case #96-637296

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 11/22/96

Period: 02/01/86- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

01/31/90 Ray Langenberg Amount: \$1,269,474 Curtis J. Osterloh

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether networking services are taxable as telecommunications services.

Status: Discussions in progress.

Steamatic of Austin, Inc., et al. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200631

AG Case #021567771

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 02/25/02

Period: 04/01/91- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

04/30/94 Ray Langenberg Amount: \$103,335.27 Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether plaintiff is entitled to a tax refund for repairs to tangible personal property on the grounds that such repairs were for casualty losses exempt under the Comptroller's Rule 3.357 and 3.310. Whether the claim is barred by limitations. Whether the Comptroller improperly changed the rule on casualty losses.

Status: Motion for Summary Judgment filed. Response to be filed. Arguments on 04/07/04.

Summit Photographix, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN001808

AG Case #001323633

Blake Hawthorne Sales Tax: Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned:

Judgment

Filed: 06/23/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark D. Hopkins

Period: 01/01/94-Fields & Hopkins

12/31/96 Austin Amount: \$6,532,000

Hilary Thomas

Kondos & Kondos Law

Offices Richardson

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is a direct sales company and may be regarded as a retailer for sales made by independent retailers of business start-up kits. Whether the Comptroller's rule defining direct sales organizations violates due process. Whether §151.024 was applied retroactively. Whether the items at issue are not taxable tangible personal property. Whether the Comptroller erred in basing the assessment on the suggested retail price of all issued items. Whether penalty and interest should be waived. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Sysco Food Services of Austin, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN400465

AG Case #041925850

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Protest

Filed: 02/17/04 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 05/01/98-Curtis Osterloh

04/30/01 Matthew J. Meese Amount: \$92,357.48

Scott, Douglass &

Issue: Whether electricity used to lower the temperature of food products is exempt as electricity used in processing.

Status: Answer filed.

Sysco Food Services of Houston, L.P. (fka Sysco Food Service of Houston, Inc.) v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100633

AG Case #011420734

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 03/01/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Judy M. Cunningham

Period: 01/01/94- Austin

12/31/96

Amount: \$196,492.74

Issue: Whether electricity used to lower the temperature of food products is exempt as electricity used in processing. Whether equipment is exempt for the same reason.

Status: Answer filed.

Sysco Food Services of Houston, L.P. (fka Sysco Food Services of Houston, Inc.) v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN302075

AG Case #031816119

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 06/13/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Judy M. Cunningham

Period: 07/01/94- Austin

06/30/98

Amount: \$270,401.80

Issue: Whether electricity used to lower the temperature of food products is exempt as electricity used in processing. Whether equipment is exempt for the same reason.

TCCT Real Estate, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-11647

AG Case #991219239

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 10/06/99 Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling Period: 10/01/91- Robert Lochridge

03/31/93 Jones, Day, Reavis &

Amount: \$146,484.05 Pogue
Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff sold electricity for commercial use when it obtained electrical service under a management agreement for another company which used the electricity in manufacturing or processing. Whether the exemption for electricity used in manufacturing requires the purchaser of electricity to be the user. Whether Plaintiff can be held as a seller of electricity in violation of the TPURA. Whether Plaintiff's right to equal and uniform taxation has been violated. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 08/02/04.

TCCT Real Estate, Inc. as Successor to TCC Austin Industrial Overhead v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-11648

AG Case #99-1219221

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 10/05/99 Plaintiff's Counsel: David Cowling Period: 07/01/89- Robert Lochridge

12/31/91 Jones, Day, Reavis &

Amount: \$479,719.44 Pogue Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff sold electricity for commercial use when it obtained electrical service under a management agreement for another company which used the electricity in manufacturing or processing. Whether the exemption for electricity used in manufacturing requires the purchaser of electricity to be the user. Whether Plaintiff can be held as a seller of electricity in violation of the TPURA. Whether Plaintiff's right to equal and uniform taxation has been violated. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 08/02/04.

TDI-Halter, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100339

AG Case #011409653

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 02/01/01

Period: 01/01/93- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

06/30/96 Ray Langenberg Amount: \$475,000 Eric Hagenswold

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether conversion of drilling rigs to self-propelled, deep water rigs is manufacturing under the statute and Comptroller rules. Whether dredging is non-taxable maintenance of real property. Alternatively, whether interest should be waived.

Status: Answer filed.

Telecable Associates, Inc.; Teleservice Corp. of America; Texas Telecable, Inc.; TCA Cable of Amarillo, Inc.; and Texas Community Antennas, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100705

AG Case #011422482

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 03/07/01

Period: 03/01/93- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/96 Ray Langenberg Amount: \$400,000 Scott, Douglass &

> McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether cable equipment on the customer's premises qualifies for the sale for resale exemption for property used to provide a taxable service.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Texaco, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201543

AG Case #021613625

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 05/10/02

Period: 05/01/87- Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman 12/31/90 Ray Langenberg

12/31/90 Ray Langenberg Amount: \$157,090.20 Doug Sigel

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Plaintiff claims that interest should be offset or waived for a period before a refund was made to a subsidiary.

Status: Answer filed.

Texas Gulf, Inc. v. Bullock, et al. Cause #485,228

AG Case #90-311185

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Filed: 06/05/90

Period: 01/01/85 - Plaintiff's Counsel: Ira A. Lipstet

06/30/88 Jenkins & Gilchrist

Amount: \$294,000 Austin

Issue: Are pipes exempt as manufacturing equipment or taxable as intra plant transportation.

Status: Nothing pending.

Texas Instruments, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103526

AG Case #011523420

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 10/24/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 07/01/87- Ray Langenberg

12/31/90 Doug Sigel

Amount: \$27,000,000 Curtis J. Osterloh Scott, Douglass &

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Texas Instruments, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103527

AG Case #011523438

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 10/24/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 01/01/91-Ray Langenberg

Doug Sigel 07/31/97

Curtis J. Osterloh Amount: \$102,000,000 Scott, Douglass &

> **McConnico** Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

USA Waste Services of Houston, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003453

#03-03-00515-CV AG Case #001388065

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: **Scott Simmons**

Filed: 12/01/00

Plaintiff's Counsel: Period: 01/01/94-Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg

03/31/97

Eric Hagenswold Amount: \$14,016.28 Scott, Douglass &

Issue: Whether steam cleaning done for Plaintiff's customers by a third party is a sale for resale as an integral part of Plaintiff's taxable waste removal services.

Status: Motion for Summary Judgment hearing held 07/14/03; Summary Judgment granted for Comptroller. Notice of Appeal filed 08/25/03. Appellant's brief filed 10/13/03. Appellees' brief filed 11/13/03. Appellant's reply brief filed 12/03/03. Appellees' amended brief filed 12/12/03. Submitted on Oral Argument 02/04/04.

Union Carbide Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000580

AG Case #001261452

Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Filed: 01/13/00

Period: 01/01/89-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/92

Ray Langenberg Amount: \$575,857.40 Curtis Osterloh Scott, Douglass &

> McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to an exemption on labor charges for installing floating roofs on tanks at its chemical plant because: (1) the roofs are exempt pollution control equipment, (2) the labor was for non-taxable new construction, or (3) the labor was for remodeling of tangible personal property.

Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

United Services Automobile Association & USAA Life Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103414

#03-02-00747-CV #03-1172 AG Case #011509643

Sales Tax: Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Filed: 10/16/01

Period: 02/01/91-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/99 Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & Amount: \$200,000,000+

Issue: Whether plaintiffs are exempt from sales taxes because of Tex. Ins. Code arts. 4.10 and 4.11.

Status: Defendants' plea to the jurisdiction set 05/01/02. Summary Judgment for Defendants granted 05/13/02. Plaintiffs filed motion for new trial to extend deadline for appeal. Notice of Appeal filed by Plaintiff 11/27/02. USAA's brief filed 04/07/03. Comptroller's brief filed 06/13/03. Oral argument completed 09/10/03. Appellee's post-submission brief filed 09/16/03. Opinion issued 11/06/03 affirming trial court's Summary Judgment in favor of Comptroller. Petition for Review filed 12/19/03. Respondents filed Waiver of Response 01/12/04. Court requested response, filed 02/12/04.

Val-Pak Franchise Operations, Inc. dba Valpak of Houston v. Strayhorn, et al.

Cause #GN300267 AG Case #031746142

Sales Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Refund

Filed: 01/28/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: R. James George, Jr.

James A. Hemphill Period: 04/01/95-George & Donaldson, 12/31/98

LLP Amount: \$734,112.10 Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff sells non-taxable advertising services. Whether Plaintiff purchases non-taxable proprietary information services. Whether marketing fees are non-taxable membership dues.

Status: Discovery in progress. Settlement negotiations in progress.

West Texas Pizza, Limited Partnership v. Sharp, et al. Cause #96-11751 AG Case #96-611633

Scott Simmons Sales Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned:

Filed: 09/27/96

Plaintiff's Counsel: Period: 06/01/88-Richard L. Rothfelder

06/30/92 Milissa M. Magee Amount: \$35,247

Kirkendall, Isgur &

Rothfelder Houston

Issue: Whether prizes obtained by collecting tickets from amusement machines in a restaurant are "purchased" by the customer as part of the price of the food.

Status: Inactive.

White Swan, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN304767

AG Case #041904608

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 12/18/03

Period: 10/01/93- Plaintiff's Counsel: Judy M. Cunningham

12/31/97 Austin

Amount: \$415,185.61

Issue: Whether the purchase of electricity used to lower the temperature of food products is exempt under Tax Code Sections 151.317 and 151.318. Whether the process causes a physical change to the products. Whether the decision of the Comptroller violated the statute and long-standing Comptroller policy.

Status: Answer filed.

Williams, Duane Everett v. Comptroller Cause #GN304667

AG Case #031899222

Sales Tax; Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 12/10/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Michael R. Cooper

Period: 2002 Salado

Amount: \$50,000

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's civil rights were violated by the Comptroller's audit and whether

the audit assessment should be set aside for lack of substantial evidence.

Status: Answer filed.

World Fitness Centers, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201795

AG Case #021626239

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Filed: 05/30/02

Period: 09/01/94- Plaintiff's Counsel: Ray Bonilla

05/31/98 Ray, Wood & Bonilla

Amount: \$273,005.56 Austin

Issue: Whether plaintiff owes sales tax on the discount and reserve amounts of its factored contracts when plaintiff is a cash-basis taxpayer.

Status: Answer filed.

Zale Delaware, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN202030

AG Case #021640669

Sales Tax; Refund Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 06/24/02

Period: 08/01/92-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

02/28/97 Ray Langenberg Amount: \$ Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is liable for tax on items temporarily stored in Texas. Whether tax on services purchased by Plaintiff should be reduced to reflect the out-of-state benefit of those services. Whether Plaintiff should get a refund or credit for tax paid on inventory. Whether the Comptroller should be barred from off-setting debts in the period between the filing of Plaintiff's bankruptcy petition and the confirmation of its reorganization plan.

Status: Answer filed.

Zale Delaware, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301725

AG Case #031806045

Sales Tax: Refund & Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 05/27/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 08/01/92-Ray Langenberg

Doug Sigel 02/28/97

Amount: \$1,170,404.64

Scott, Douglass & McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to exemption on items of inventory temporarily stored instate. Whether tax was improperly assessed on services performed outside the state. Whether installation services on counters and software were readily separable from taxable tangible property. Whether the Comptroller should be enjoined from taking offsets pursuant to Plaintiff's bankruptcy plea.

Insurance Tax

Allstate County Mutual Insurance Co.; Allstate Insurance Co.; Allstate Indemnity Co.; Allstate Texas Lloyds; and Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300968

AG Case #031778947

Insurance Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Protest, Refund &

Declaratory Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Steven D. Moore Filed: 03/26/03 Fred B. Werkenthin Jackson Walker

Amount: \$174,386.15 Austin

\$10,529.48 \$4,013.24 \$11,858.40 \$7,306.09

(Total: \$208,093.27)

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs owe gross premiums tax on defaulted auto insurance premiums that

are not received.

Status: Answer filed.

American Bankers Insurance Co. of Florida, et al. v. Ann Richards, et al. Cause

#396,975

AG Case #86-1483

Gross Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Protest & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Fred B. Werkenthin Filed: 05/08/86 Jackson & Walker

Period: 1985-1988 Austin

Amount: \$1,745,569

Issue: Whether Tex. Ins. Code art. 4.10 unconstitutionally discriminates against foreign property and casualty companies by basing the premium tax rate on their percentage of Texas investments (equal protection). (Pleadings refer to art. 4.10, but protest letters refer to arts. 4.11 and 21.46.) Also seeks recovery and attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983.

Status: Inactive.

American Fidelity Assurance Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN302070

AG Case #031816564

Insurance Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Refund

Filed: 06/12/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Michael W. Jones

Period: 1992 Kevin F. Lee

Amount: \$241,625,20 Thompson, Coe, Cousins

& Irons Austin

Issue: Whether investments in "Fannie Mae" and "Freddie Mac" mortgage pools qualify as investments in Texas mortgages. Whether Rule 3.809 (c) is invalid.

Status: Answer filed.

American International Specialty Lines Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002666 (Consolidated with Lexington Insurance Co. and Landmark Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al., Cause #GN100569)

AG Case #001351998

Insurance Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Protest & Declaratory

JudgmentPlaintiff's Counsel:Anthony IcenogleFiled: 09/08/00Joseph C. BogginsPeriod: 1995DeLeon & Boggins

Amount: \$362,975.97 Austin

Issue: Whether an authorized surplus lines insurer is required to pay unauthorized insurance tax when the Comptroller is unable to verify payment of tax by the agent. Whether the Comptroller wrongfully relied on another hearings decision as precedent. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive and declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: See *Lexington Insurance Co. and Landmark Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al.*, Cause #GN100569.

Dorinco Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203924

AG Case #021700380

Gross Premium Insurance Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

and Maintenance Tax;

Protest Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Filed: 10/29/02 Ray Langenberg

Period: 1991-1997 Scott, Douglass & Amount: \$1,411,505.77 McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether tax was improperly assessed because Texas has no nexus with plaintiff or with the transactions in issue. Whether tax was also improperly assessed on premiums that did not cover Texas risks.

Status: Motion for Summary Judgment hearing held 11/18/03.

Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. of Ohio v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101899

AG Case #011464476

Insurance Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Protest & Declaratory

JudgmentPlaintiff's Counsel:Stephen L. PhillipsFiled: 06/20/01Brian C. NewbyPeriod: 1992-1998Julie K. Lane

Amount: \$439,074.12 Cantey & Hanger, Roan

& Autry
Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff, an authorized surplus lines insurer, is liable for unauthorized insurance premiums tax. Whether the Comptroller lacks authority to determine that Plaintiff is an unauthorized insurer, and whether the Texas Department of Insurance is required to make that determination. Whether the Comptroller engaged in selective and improper enforcement. Whether the assessment violates Due Process and the McCarran-Ferguson Act. Alternatively, whether penalty should be waived. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive relief and attorneys' fees.

First American Title Insurance Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301692

AG Case #031806011

Retaliatory Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Ron K. Eudy

Filed: 05/23/03 Sneed, Vine & Perry

Period: 1998 through Austin

2002

Amount: \$1,432,580.76

Issue: Whether the Comptroller properly used "split" premiums in calculating the retaliatory tax of a foreign title insurance company. Whether the Comptroller's interpretation of the title insurance tax statutes violates the Equal Protection Clause. Whether the Comptroller's policy change violated Due Process and the APA. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Motion for Summary Judgment hearing set 05/18/04.

Lexington Insurance Co., Landmark Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause

#GN100569 #03-03-00169-CV AG Case #011417896

Insurance Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Protest & Declaratory

JudgmentPlaintiff's Counsel:Anthony IcenogleFiled: 02/22/01Joseph C. BogginsPeriod: 1992-1995De Leon & Boggins

Amount: \$1,596,196.63 Austin

\$36,174.92

Issue: Whether an authorized surplus lines insurer is required to pay unauthorized insurance tax when the Comptroller is unable to verify payment of tax by the agent. Whether the Comptroller wrongfully relied on another hearings decision as precedent. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive and declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Summary Judgment motions held 08/01/02; Summary Judgment granted for insurers. Notice of Appeal filed 03/21/03. Appellants' brief filed 08/15/03. Appellae's brief filed 11/10/03. Appellants' reply brief filed 12/05/03. Oral argument held 01/07/04. Third Court of Appeals reversed and remanded trial court's judgment 02/20/04.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., et al. v. A.W. Pogue, et al. Cause #484,745 AG Case #90-304512

Gross Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Protest

Filed: 05/24/90 Plaintiff's Counsel: Fred B. Werkenthin

Period: 1985-1986 Steve Moore
1989-1992 Breck Harrison
Amount: \$1,848,606 Jackson & Walker

Austin

Issue: Whether insurance taxes are owed by insurance companies on dividends applied to paid-up additions and renewal premiums.

Status: 9th Amended Petition filed. Settlement discussed, and partial settlement agreed to. Final judgment signed on paid-up additions issue. Renewal premium issue severed and retained on docket. Plaintiffs have made settlement offer on remainder of case.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., et al. v. A.W. Pogue, et al. Cause #484,796 AG Case #90-304503

Maintenance Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Filed: 05-23-90

Period: 1989-1991 Plaintiff's Counsel: Fred B. Werkenthin Amount: \$1,616,497 Jackson & Walker

Austin

Issue: Whether Tex. Ins. Code art. 21.07-6 is preempted by ERISA.

Status: One Plaintiff has submitted documentation supporting a refund. Case will be concluded in accordance with *NGS v. Barnes*, 998 F.2d 296 (5th Cir. 1993). Severance and final judgment entered for Metropolitan. Awaiting documentation for other Plaintiffs.

Old Republic Title Insurance Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301693 AG Case #031806029

Retaliatory Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Christine Monzingo

Refund & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Ron K. Eudy

Filed: 05/23/03 Sneed, Vine & Perry

Period: 2002 Austin

Amount: \$219,626.40

Issue: Whether the Comptroller properly used "split" premiums in calculating the retaliatory tax of a foreign title insurance company. Whether the Comptroller's interpretation of the title insurance tax statutes violates the Equal Protection Clause. Whether the Comptroller's policy change violated Due Process and the APA. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Summary Judgment hearing set 05/18/04.

STP Nuclear Operating Co. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN301053

AG Case #031808371

Insurance Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Protest

Filed: 06/11/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Howard P. Newton

Period: 2002 Matthews & Branscomb

Amount: \$115,287.80 San Antonio

Issue: Whether the independently procured insurance tax may be collected from a Texas corporation despite the decisions in *Todd Shipyards* and *Dow Chemical*. Whether imposition of the tax violates equal protection or is pre-empted by federal law governing the operation of nuclear plants.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Security National Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN001503

AG Case #001310820

Insurance Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Natalie Foerster

Protest

Filed: 05/23/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: Jay A. Thompson

Period: 1995-1998 Thompson, Coe, Cousins

Amount: \$1,226,220.50 & Irons

& Irons Austin

Barry K. Bishop

Clark, Thomas & Winters

Austin

Issue: Whether daily negative bank account balances should be adjusted to \$0 to compute the proper percentage of Texas investments for gross premiums tax.

Status: Discovery in progress. Depositions to be determined. Cross-motion for summary judgment filed. MSJ hearing to be determined.

St. Paul Surplus Lines Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102788

AG Case #011490877

Insurance Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Refund, Protest &

Declaratory Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Michael W. Jones

Filed: 08/24/01 Kevin F. Lee

Period: 01/01/95- Austin

12/31/98

Amount: \$163,021.27 Richard S. Geiger

Dallas

Thompson, Coe, Cousins

& Irons

Issue: Whether Plaintiff, an eligible surplus lines insurer, is liable for unauthorized insurance tax. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorney's fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Universe Life Insurance Co. v. State of Texas Cause #97-05106

#03-98-00110-CV AG Case #97-727302

Insurance Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Filed: 04/29/97

Period: 1993 Plaintiff's Counsel: Larry Parks

Amount: \$56,958 Long, Burner, Parks &

Sealey Austin

Issue: Whether plaintiff should be given credit against tax due for examination fees paid to the state in connection with a market conduct examination report ordered by the Texas Department of Insurance. Plaintiff also asks for penalty and interest waiver.

Status: Cross-motions for summary judgment heard 11/12/97. Summary judgment granted for Plaintiff. State appealed. Case submitted without oral argument 07/06/98. Affirmed in part, reversed and remanded in part 03/11/99. State's motion for rehearing denied. Petition for review filed 06/01/99. Briefs on merits requested by Court. State's brief filed 10/18/99. Petition denied. Case remanded to trial court. To be consolidated with Cause #GN002605, *Universe Life Insurance Co., The v. Strayhorn, et al.*

Universe Life Insurance Co., The v. Cornyn, et al. Cause #GN002605

AG Case #001348580

Insurance Premium Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Refund

Filed: 09/01/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: Larry Parks

Period: 1993 Long, Burner, Parks, 1994 McClellan & Delargy

Amount: \$87,288.51 Austin

\$426,620.38

Issue: Whether plaintiff should be given credit against tax due for examination fees paid to the state in connection with a market conduct examination report ordered by the Texas Department of Insurance. Plaintiff also asks for penalty and interest waiver.

Status: Comptroller to make partial refund awarded in administrative hearing. Court issued a dismissal notice. Plaintiff filed Motion to Retain. Discovery in progress. Jury trial set 10/25/04.

Warranty Underwriters Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-12271 AG Case #99-1226739

Insurance Tax; Protest & Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 10/20/99 Plaintiff's Counsel: Raymond E. White Period: 1993-1997 Daniel Micciche Akin, Gump, Strauss,

Amount: \$416,462.73 Hauer & Feld

\$214,893.74 Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller improperly included amounts not received by Plaintiff in Plaintiff's gross premiums tax base. Whether any maintenance tax is payable on Plaintiff's business of home warranty insurance. Whether the Comptroller is bound by the prior actions and determinations of the Texas Department of Insurance. Whether the assessments of tax violate due process and equal taxation. Whether penalty and interest should have been waived.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 07/19/04.

Other Taxes

Alvarado ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303208

AG Case #031833056

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/31/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Ray Bonilla

Period: 2002 Ray, Wood, Fine &

Amount: \$ Bonilla
Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties that involved creative financing and by misapplying burden of proof.

Status: Answer filed.

Arnold, Jessamine J., Estate of, Deceased, and Jim Arnold, Jr., Independent Executor v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203255

AG Case #021670484

Inheritance Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Filed: 09/09/02

Period: Plaintiff's Counsel: James F. Martens
Amount: \$161,956 Christina A. Mondrik

Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Austin

Issue: Whether the IRS erred in increasing the value of the estate's assets and disallowing expenses and gifts.

Status: Answer filed.

Avery ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303141

AG Case #031833155

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Susan Feller Heiligenthal

Period: 2002 Linebarger, Goggan, Blair

Amount: \$ & Sampson
Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's order on the value study is arbitrary and unreasonable. Whether the Comptroller violated equal protection and due process, and exceeded the rule-making authority granted by the Legislature. Plaintiff also seeks a declaration regarding the validity of the Comptroller's rules and hearings process.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Bailiff, Michael W. and Sylvia S. Bailiff v. Bexar County Appraisal District, et al.

Cause #2002-CI-147689 AG Case #021691704

Property Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Judgment

Filed: 10/10/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Christopher J. Weber Period: 2002 Christopher J. Weber,

Amount: \$ L.L.C.

San Antonio

Issue: Plaintiff claims that defendants overvalued and unequally appraised his various properties in Bexar County. Plaintiff claims that Defendants failed to meet their burden of proof and also seeks declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed. Plaintiff will dismiss.

Barbers Hill ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303127

AG Case #031831688

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/28/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Robert Mott
Period: 2002 Joseph Longoria
Amount: \$ Sandra Griffin

Karen Evertson

Perdue, Brandon, Fielder,

Collins & Mott

Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly selecting and valuing sample properties.

Bay City ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303229

AG Case #031835200

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 08/01/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Robert Mott Period: 2002 Joseph Longoria

Amount: \$ Perdue, Brandon, Fielder,

Collins & Mott

Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly selecting and valuing sample properties.

Status: Answer filed.

Broaddus ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303142

AG Case #31833080

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: James R. Evans

Period: 2002 Susan Feller Heiligenthal
Amount: \$
Linebarger, Goggan,
Blair, & Sampson

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's order on the value study is arbitrary and unreasonable. Whether the Comptroller violated equal protection and due process, and exceeded the rule-making authority granted by the Legislature. Plaintiff also seeks a declaration regarding the validity of the Comptroller's rules and hearings process.

Status: Answer filed.

Caddo Mills ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303143

AG Case #031833114

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Susan Feller Heiligenthal Linebarger, Goggan, Blair

Amount: \$ & Sampson

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's order on the value study is arbitrary and unreasonable. Whether the Comptroller violated equal protection and due process, and exceeded the rule-making authority granted by the Legislature. Plaintiff also seeks a declaration regarding the validity of the Comptroller's rules and hearings process. Whether sale prices for residential property were not properly adjusted.

Status: Answer filed.

CarMax Auto Superstores, Inc. v.Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN400433

AG Case #041921990

Motor Vehicle Sales Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 02/12/04 Plaintiff's Counsel: Lara L. Reenan

Period: Henry Oddo Austin &

Amount: \$0.00 Fletcher
Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's tax collection and financing activities are legal under the Tax

Code, Finance Code and Constitution.

Status: Answer filed.

Castleberry ISD; Ennis ISD; Canyon ISD; La Porte ISD v. Comptroller Cause

#96-08010

AG Case #96-599817

Property Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Judgment

Filed: 07/11/96 Plaintiff's Counsel: Robert Mott
Period: 1994 Joseph Longoria

Amount: \$ Perdue, Brandon, Fielder,

Collins & Mott

Houston

Issue: Various issues concerning the validity of the Comptroller's property value study.

Status: Answer and Special Exception filed. Inactive. Settlement reached with Canyon ISD. Only La Porte ISD is now pending. LaPorte ISD has made a settlement offer. Inactive.

Chevron USA, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN304320

AG Case #031880487

Natural Gas Production Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Tax: Refund &

Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Declaratory Judgment Filed: 11/05/03 Ray Langenberg Period: 07/01/88-Doug Sigel

12/31/90

Scott, Douglass & McConnico Amount: \$225,194.00

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes gas production tax on "Order 94 Payments." Plaintiff also seeks declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Columbia-Brazoria ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303144

AG Case #031833106

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Susan Feller Heiligenthal Period: 2002 Linebarger, Goggan, Blair

Amount: \$ & Sampson

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's order on the value study is arbitrary and unreasonable. Whether the Comptroller violated equal protection and due process, and exceeded the rulemaking authority granted by the Legislature. Plaintiff also seeks a declaration regarding the validity of the Comptroller's rules and hearings process. Whether sale prices for residential property were not properly adjusted.

Status: Answer filed.

El Paso Natural Gas Co. v. Sharp Cause #91-6309

AG Case #91-78237

Gas Production Tax: Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 05/06/91 Plaintiff's Counsel: Alfred H. Ebert, Jr. Period: 01/01/87 -Andrews & Kurth

12/31/87

Houston Amount: \$3,054,480.60

Issue: Whether Comptroller should have granted Plaintiff a hearing on penalty waiver and related issues.

Status: State's Plea in Abatement granted pending outcome of administrative hearing on audit liability. Negotiations pending.

Fort Worth's PR's, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200711

AG Case #021573480

Mixed Beverage Gross Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Receipts Tax; Protest &

Declaratory Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: John L. Gamboa

Filed: 03/04/02 Acuff, Gamboa & White

Period: 03/01/99- Fort Worth

06/30/99

Amount: \$36,177.36

Issue: Whether the Comptroller used a non-representative sample to determine plaintiff's tax

liability. Whether depletion and error rates were calculated correctly.

Status: Answer filed.

Huntsville ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303124

AG Case #031831696

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/28/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Robert Mott
Period: 2002 Joseph Longoria
Amount: \$ Sandra Griffin

Karen Evertson

Perdue, Brandon, Fielder,

Collins & Mott

Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly selecting and valuing sample properties.

Lake Austin Spa Investors, Ltd. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203899

AG Case #021703913

Hotel Occupancy Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Scott Simmons

Protest, Injunction &

Declaratory Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Kirk R. Manning Filed: 10/28/02 Stephen L. Phillips

Period: 03/01/97- Julie K. Lane 11/30/00 Cantey & Hanger

12/01/00-03/31/02 Austin

Amount: \$193,629.45

\$59,232.72

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's service charges are subject to the hotel tax. Whether the charges are gratuities under the Comptroller's rule. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Discussions in progress with opposing counsel.

Lubbock-Cooper ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303125

AG Case #031831654

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/28/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Robert Mott
Period: 2002 Joseph Longoria
Amount: \$ Sandra Griffin

Sandra Griffin Karen Evertson

Perdue, Brandon, Fielder,

Collins & Mott

Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly selecting and valuing sample properties.

Status: Settlement approved.

MFC Finance Co. of Texas v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002653

AG Case #001352632

Motor Vehicle Sales Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Refund

Filed: 09/07/00 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman Period: 01/01/96- Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass &

Amount: \$5,533,079.80 McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to tax credit and refund as provided under the sales tax bad debt statute for motor vehicle taxes on installment sales where the purchaser defaulted. Whether the refusal to allow a refund violates equal taxation because there is no rational basis to treat installment sellers of vehicles differently than vehicle renters and other retailers.

Status: Trial set 12/15/04.

Marfa ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303146

AG Case #031833163

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: James R. Evans

Period: 2002 Susan Feller Heiligenthal
Amount: \$
Linebarger, Goggan,
Blair & Sampson

Blair, & Sampson

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's order on the value study is arbitrary and unreasonable. Whether the Comptroller violated equal protection and due process, and exceeded the rule-making authority granted by the Legislature. Plaintiff also seeks a declaration regarding the validity of the Comptroller's rules and hearings process. Whether the Comptroller failed to properly use local modifiers and sampling techniques.

McLane Co., Inc. and McLane Foodservice-Lubbock, Inc. v. Rylander, et al.

Cause #GN104253 #03-03-00502-CV AG Case #021547393

Protest Tax; Protest, Asst. AAG Assigned: Gene Storie

Injunction & Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Filed: David J. Sewell

Period: Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Amount: \$1,173.83 & Austin

\$3,690.00

Issue: Whether the Comptroller must accept a letter of credit as security for Plaintiff's participation in the cigarette tax trust fund.

Status: Summary Judgment hearing held 07/30/03. Pleas to the jurisdiction granted in part and Summary Judgment granted for the Comptroller. McLane filed notice of appeal 08/19/03. Appellants' brief filed 01/15/04. Appellees' brief due 03/09/04.

Mineral Wells ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303209

AG Case #031833031

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/31/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Ray Bonilla

Period: 2002 Ray, Wood, Fine &

Amount: \$ Bonilla

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties that involved creative financing and by misapplying burden of proof.

Mirage Real Estate, Inc., et al. v. Richard Durbin, et al. Cause #92-16485

AG Case #92-190294

Alcoholic Beverage Gross Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Receipts Tax; Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Jim Mattox
Filed: 12/03/92 Lowell Lasley
Period: Michael D. Mosher

Amount: \$

Issue: Whether the TABC and Comptroller were allowed to use inventory depletions analysis to determine amount of gross receipts tax owed. Plaintiffs seek class certification.

Status: Answer filed. Inactive.

Petro Express Management, L.L.C. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN204123

AG Case #021705918

Fuels Tax; Injunction and Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 11/14/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Percy L. "Wayne" Isgitt

Period: 2002 C. Zan Turcotte

Amount: \$450,000 Law Offices of Perry L.

"Wayne" Isgitt, P.C.

Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's collection actions are arbitrary, contrary to statute, and unconstitutional. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief and a return of seized property.

Status: Temporary Restraining Order denied. Inactive.

Presidio ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303152

AG Case #

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Ray Bonilla

Period: 2002 Ray, Wood & Bonilla

Amount: \$ Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties.

Status: Answer filed.

Preston Motors by George L. Preston, Owner v. Sharp, et al. Cause #91-11987

AG Case #91-133170

Motor Vehicle Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jim Cloudt

Protest

Filed: 08/26/91 Plaintiff's Counsel: George L. Preston

Period: 12/01/86 -**Paris**

09/30/89

Amount: \$21,796

Issue: Whether motor vehicle tax should fall on dealer/seller rather than the purchaser under §152.044. Related constitutional issues.

Status: Inactive.

Rahmes, Todd W., Individually and on Behalf of All Similarly Situated Consumers v. Louis Shanks of Texas, Inc., Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN201766 AG Case #031851256

MTA Tax; Refund & Gene Storie Asst. AAG Assigned:

Declaratory Judgment

George Y. Nino Filed: 08/29/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Period: 05/30/00 The Nino Law Firm

Amount: \$101.86 Houston

> Ray Bonilla **Buck Wood**

Ray, Wood & Bonilla

Austin

Issue: Plaintiff claims a refund and injunctive relief for the class of persons who overpaid local MTA tax. Plaintiff also claims DTPA and fraud violations against the retailer, and seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Pleas to jurisdiction heard 01/21/04. All Defendants' pleas granted 02/12/04.

Ranger Fuels & Maintenance, L.L.C. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN204124

AG Case #021705900

Fuels Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Judgment & Injunction

Filed: 11/14/02 Plaintiff's Counsel: Percy L. "Wayne" Isgitt

Period: C. Zan Turcotte

Amount: \$115,000.00 Law Offices of Perry L.

"Wayne" Isgitt, P.C.

Houston

Issue: Whether fuels tax is actually owed by an unrelated company. Whether the Comptroller abused its discretion and violated Plaintiff's constitutional rights. Plaintiff seeks injunctive and declaratory relief.

Status: Temporary Restraining Order denied. Inactive.

Robinson, Barbara Cooke, Estate of v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300338

AG Case #031758915

Declaratory Judgment Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Tax; Declaratory

Judgment Plaintiff's Counsel: Arne M. Ray Filed: 02/03/03 Houston

Period: 1990 Amount: \$

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's lien should be nullified as expired or invalid on its face.

Status: Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment and Defendant's Plea to the Jurisdiction filed 02/13/04.

Shelton, James M., Estate of, Deceased, and Carroll A. Maxon, Independent Co-Executor v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN104094

AG Case #021542261

Inheritance Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

& Refund

Filed: 12/14/01 Plaintiff's Counsel: James F. Martens Period: Jessica Scott

Amount: \$1,616,018 Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Austin

Issue: Whether the IRS and Comptroller failed to give proper credit against the estate value for a pending lawsuit and administrative expenses.

Status: Answer filed.

Stephenville ISD v. Comptroller Cause #271703

AG Case #031818958

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 06/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Robert Mott

Period: Joseph Longoria

Amount: \$ Perdue, Brandon, Fielder,

Collins & Mott

Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly selecting and valuing sample properties.

Status: Settlement approved.

Stephenville ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GN302542

AG Case #031829542

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/21/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Robert Mott

Period: Joseph Longoria

Amount: \$ Perdue, Brandon, Fielder,

Collins & Mott

Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly selecting and valuing sample properties.

Status: Settlement approved.

Tarkington ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303148

AG Case #031833098

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Susan Feller Heiligenthal Period: 2002 Linebarger, Goggan, Blair

& Sampson Amount: \$

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's order on the value study is arbitrary and unreasonable. Whether the Comptroller violated equal protection and due process, and exceeded the rulemaking authority granted by the Legislature. Plaintiff also seeks a declaration regarding the validity of the Comptroller's rules and hearings process. Whether sale prices for residential property were not properly adjusted.

Status: Answer filed.

Terlingua Common ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV302967

AG Case #031833064

Jana Kinkade Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned:

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/17/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Ray Bonilla

Period: 2002 Ray, Wood, Fine &

Bonilla Amount: \$

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties that involved creative financing and by misapplying burden of proof.

Status: Answer filed.

Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc. Cause #GN400440

AG Case #041925843

Gas Production Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Refund

Filed: 02/13/04 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

Period: 01/01/97-Ray Langenberg Matthew J. Meese 05/31/02

Amount: \$456,608.80 Scott, Douglass &

McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's initial refund claim, still pending administrative review at the time of filing a second claim, fell within the statute of limitations deadline.

Status: Answer filed.

Willow Creek Resources, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN303805

AG Case #031859812

Gas Production Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Refund

Filed: 09/23/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

Period: 01/01/97- Ray Langenberg 12/31/99 Doug J. Dashiell

Amount: \$1,160,682.81 Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether plaintiff is entitled to a natural gas production tax refund on gas which plaintiff claims qualifies for the exemption for high cost gas under §201.057.

Status: Answer filed.

Closed Cases

6S-B, Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN304345

AG Case #031881436

Sales Tax; Declaratory Asst. AAG Assigned: Christopher Jackson

Judgment

Filed: 11/07/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark D. Hopkins Period: 12/01/97- Savrick, Schumann,

08/31/99 Johnson & McGarr

Amount: \$84,562.70 Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes sales tax on vending machine items for those items sold or severed by schools. Whether the sample audit was invalid. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Plea to Abate filed. Motion to Dismiss filed; granted 02/17/04.

Comstock ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GN302662

AG Case #031831670

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/28/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Kirk Swinney

Period: 2002 Javier B. Gutierrez
Amount: \$ McCreary, Veselka,

Bragg & Allen

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties and whether the Comptroller failed to consider local modifiers, sales and market information.

Status: Agreed Judgment signed 12/05/03.

Forney ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303155

AG Case #031833049

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/30/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: Ray Bonilla

Period: 2002 Ray, Wood, Fine &

Amount: \$ Bonilla Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties that involved creative financing and by misapplying burden of proof.

Status: Agreed Judgment signed 12/04/03.

Lynch, Michael J. II, Assignee of Estrella Sola, Inc. v. Strayhorn Cause #2003755 AG Case #031771124

Mixed Beverage Gross Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Receipts Tax; Protest,

Refund & Declaratory Plaintiff's Counsel: Michael J. Lynch II

Judgment Pro Se Filed: 02/26/03 El Paso

Period: 1996-2002

Amount: \$

Issue: Whether separate classification of mixed beverage and wine and beer permit holders is unreasonable and in violation of equal taxation. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief.

Status: Non-suited 12/22/03.

Point Isabel ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV303014

AG Case #031829617

Property Tax; Asst. AAG Assigned: Jana Kinkade

Administrative Appeal

Filed: 07/21/03 Plaintiff's Counsel: C. Richard Fine Period: Kevin O'Hanlon

Amount: \$ O'Hanlon & Associates

Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller incorrectly estimated the market value of single family residences.

Status: Agreed Judgment signed 12/04/03.

Westcott Communications, Inc., Law Enforcement Television Network, Inc., Westcott ECI, Inc. and TI-IN Acquisition Corp. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-14049

#03-02-00351-CV #03-0480 AG Case #99-1093113

Franchise Tax; Protest Asst. AAG Assigned: Blake Hawthorne

Filed: 12/17/98

Period: 01/01/92-Plaintiff's Counsel: Mark W. Eidman

12/31/94

Ray Langenberg Steve Wingard Amount: \$1,182,242.67 Scott, Douglass &

> **McConnico** Austin

Issue: Whether apportionment of satellite service gross receipts to Texas violates the commerce, due process or equal protection clauses of the Constitution or the Tax Code and Comptroller rules apportioning receipts to the state where a service is performed. Alternatively, whether interest should be waived.

Status: Court granted Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment 05/20/02. Notice of Appeal filed 06/11/02. Clerk's Record filed 07/11/02. Appellants' brief filed 08/23/02. Appellees' brief filed 09/23/02. Appellants' reply brief filed 11/08/02. Submitted on oral argument 11/13/02. Appellees' letter brief filed 11/21/02; post-submission brief filed 12/09/02. Third COA affirmed trial court's judgment 03/20/03. Appellants' Motion for Rehearing filed 04/11/03; Third COA overruled Westcott's Motion for Rehearing 04/24/03. Petition for Review filed in the Supreme Court 06/02/03. Response waived by State 06/17/03. Supreme Court requested a response to the petition; filed by Respondent 08/19/03. Case forwarded to higher court 10/02/03. Supreme Court requested briefs on the merits. Petitioners' brief filed 10/31/03. Respondents' brief filed 11/20/03. Petitioners' reply brief filed 12/22/03. Petition for Review denied 01/30/04.

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